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Today *The Times* prints the first in a series of daily news reports reprinted from issues of the corresponding date published in the past 200 years. Today's report, (on page 11) concerning the establishment of soup kitchens in London, comes from *The Times* of January 2, 1800. *On this day* will be a regular feature of the letters page throughout our bicentenary year.

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Portfolio

***The Times* Portfolio £2,000 prize for Monday was won outright by Mr J. S. Goldsack, of Wood Green, London. There is a further £2,000 to be won today. Prices list, page 14; how to play, Information Service, back page.**

Gandhi selects Cabinet team

Mr Rajiv Gandhi, re-elected Prime Minister of India with a large majority, has chosen a Cabinet which he hopes will fulfil campaign promises to govern with honesty and efficiency Page 6

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Detectives are investigating the murder of a wealthy businessman who was shot by intruders in his north London home when he returned from a party. Page 3

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Militants attack Scargill for lack of initiative

● Striking miners in South Wales are becoming increasingly disillusioned with the National Union of Mineworkers' leadership and are calling for initiatives to "keep the strike alive"

● More than 40 Labour MPs, one in the Shadow Cabinet, are organizing a fresh campaign supporting the miners' strike

● Mr Arthur Scargill, NUM president, and his wife joined a picket line near Doncaster and said he was as confident of victory as he had been last March.

● The miners' strike has cost £2.4 billion to the end of 1984 and may now be costing £85 million a week, according to a firm of city analysts.

By Barrie Clement and Tim Jones

Supporters of Mr Arthur Scargill and the miners' leadership came today from the militant South Wales coalfields on the eve of the first working day of the year.

Dr Kim Howells, spokesman for South Wales pitmen, said that it was no longer sufficient for them to repeat the same old slogans. "The left must take the lead with new initiatives" he said.

Dr Howells's comments come the day before 160 out of Britain's 174 collieries are due to open after the Christmas holiday. The National Coal Board last night refused to predict how many more strikers would go back to work, but key officials believed that more than half of the 100 members of the National Union of Mineworkers would be broken ranks by the anniversary of the stoppage in two months' time. About 70,000 were working at the end of last year.

Mr Scargill, president of the NUM, whose wife joined his members outside a power station near Doncaster yesterday and said a winter of continued discontent.

"Once again we are out on the picket line on January 1, 1985, with the same determination and fervour as we showed in March 1984. The only difference is that we are more convinced and confident of winning now than we were then," he said.

Miners' leaders will be shocked nevertheless by the comments to *The Times* by Dr Howells. South Wales pitmen have been the most steadfast supporters of the strike. Only 126 men out of 20,000 have returned to work there.

After an informal meeting of representatives from the central area of the coalfield yesterday, Dr Howells said: "The men are just going through the most depressing period of the year and we must see new initiatives if the strike is to remain solid."

He said the union appeared merely to be responding to propaganda statements made by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, and had been "badly beaten" by his announcement that there would be no power cuts this year. He said: "The union must realize it is against a Government that will spend billions to beat it. They will stop at nothing to maintain electricity supplies and we must have a new strategy."

The rift between leaders in South Wales and union headquarters goes back to the early days of the dispute, when they were ordered, against their wishes, to attempt a total blockade of the Port Talbot and Llanwern steelworks. Despite bitter clashes with police, the strategy failed.

Meanwhile leaders of working miners have predicted that men at three more unnamed pits in South Wales will return to work today. At the moment 21 of the area's 28 pits are strike-bound.

Mr Michael Eaton, spokesman for the coal board, believes that there is a widespread feeling of disillusionement among the strikers:

● The cost of the miners' strike up to the end of 1984 was £2.4 billion, according to a report by Simon & Coates, a firm of City analysts.

It says that the switch from coal to oil at Britain's power stations is costing an extra £40 million a week now, compared with £20 million in mid-September. The total running cost of the strike may have risen to £85 million a week.

Lost coal exports and the burning of extra oil are now costing £350 million a month on the balance of trade.

The analysis said there was every prospect that 1985 would prove a very good year with the rate of output growth accelerating

Scargill is defiant on picket line

By Peter Davenport

It was a near but with an old messmate Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, yesterday.

Accompanied by his wife, Anne, the leader joined a group of miners on a picket line outside the Thorpe Marsh power station near Doncaster, Yorkshire, to pledge a war of continued defiance.

Despite the announcement by Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, that the dispute would not lead to power cuts this winter and faced with the uncertain results of the National Coal Board's new drive to win back the stalled drift back to work when the pits reopen after the holiday break, Mr Scargill remained outwardly confident.

He told the pickets and a group of Welsh trade unionists visiting the picket lines: "Once again we are out on the picket line on January 1, 1985 with the same determination and fervour as we showed in March 1984.

"The only difference is that we are more convinced and confident of winning now than we were then."

Mr Scargill arrived on the picket line at about 8am on a cold, frosty morning.

The day before Mr Scargill had issued his new year message to the striking miners: "Stand firm and we will win."

He said that the dispute had cost the Government £5,000 million pounds, 12 million tonnes of lost production and seen the pound plunge by more than 20 per cent.

Labour MPs renew support for strike

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A fresh campaign to back the miners' strike is being organized by more than 30 Labour MPs, including a member of the Shadow Cabinet, amid renewed criticism of the party leadership's allegedly lukewarm attitude to the dispute.

Trade unions have been urged to ignore the instructions of the High Court sequestrators not to help the National Union of Mineworkers while its funds are under threat of seizure. Instead they are asked to join together to pay the wages of staff employed in NUM national and local offices during the strike. Labour controlled local authorities are urged to help miners with their mortgages by giving council loans and to provide free school meals for miners' children.

The proposals, contained in a checklist of ways to help the miners, issued by the left-wing Campaign Group of Labour MPs to the unions, constituency Labour parties and Labour councils, came as Mr Eric Heffer, the former party chairman, said that Labour must not shrink from giving all-out support to the miners and warned it against hiding away in the face of political savagery.

In a New Year message Mr Heffer, who lost his place in the Shadow Cabinet in the autumn, accused the Government of "increasing political savagery" against the trade union and Labour movement.

And in remarks aimed at Mr Neil Kinnock, whom the left has criticized for an alleged failure totally to back the miners, Mr Heffer quoted Aneurin Bevan's words that: "Parliamentary institutions have not been destroyed because the left was too vigorous – they have been destroyed because the left was too inert".

In the suggested "guidelines" for helping the striking miners the campaign group, whose members include Mr Michael Meacher, Labour spokesman on social security, Mr Heffer, and Mr Tony Benn, states that all trade union executive should ignore the threats from those involved in the sequestration of NUM funds by continuing to make large donations to the miners' solidarity fund and to offer the NUM large, long-term, interest-free loans.

It says that unions should levy their members at 10p to 50p per week to aid the miners, hire NUM members on a consultancy basis, and pay for the hiring of trains and buses by the miners' union for national and regional demonstrations.

The checklist calls on all union members to refuse to become involved in the movement of coal stocks.

Mr Heffer (left) and Mr Kinnock.

Country venue for Budget planning

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Treasury ministers are due to meet for three days in January 11 at a country retreat to begin the process of planning this year's Budget, due to be announced on March 19.

The entire Treasury team, lead by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Nigel Lawson, will be present with their political advisers.

Civil servants will not take part, it is understood.

The weekend meeting is believed to be taking place at Chevening, near Sevenoaks, Kent the official residence of the Foreign Secretary. The Treasury would not confirm the venue, nor even whether the meeting was planned at all.

However, it has been normal in recent years for such a gathering to occur in mid-January, shortly before the Chancellor enters his traditional period of purdah.

This year, economic experts predict that Mr Lawson and his colleagues will be able to plan on the basis of being able to distribute anything between £1.5 billion and £3 billion.

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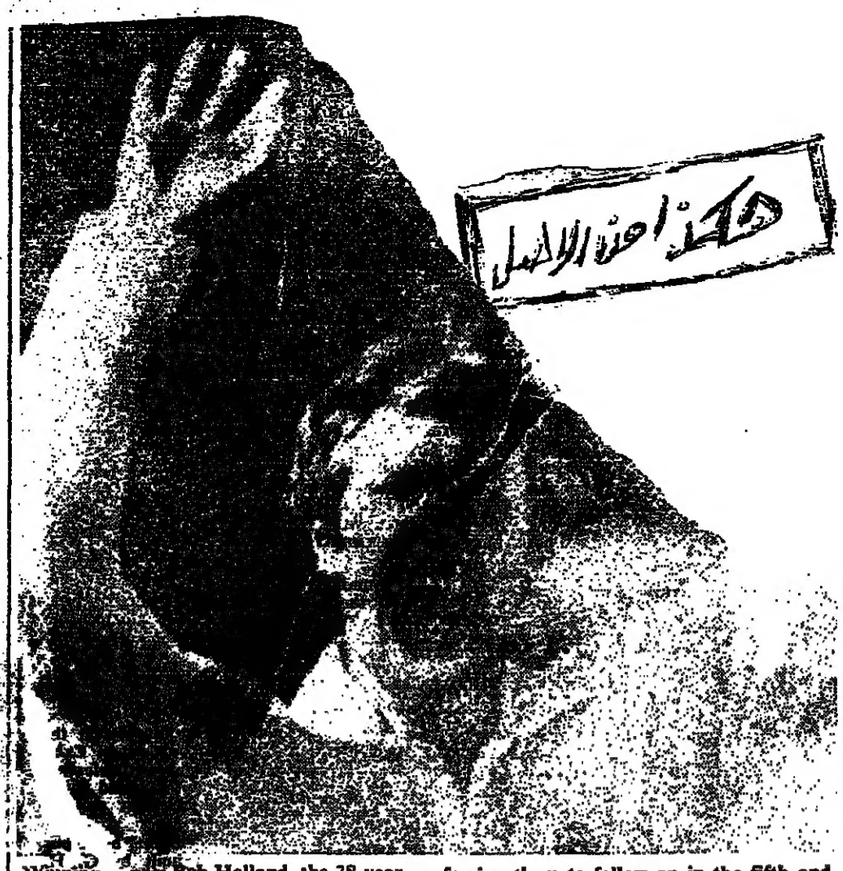

Wounded pride: Bob Holland, the 38-year-old Australian leg spin bowler playing in only his third test match, took six wickets for 54 runs to skittle out West Indies, forcing them to follow on in the fifth and final Test at Sydney. It was the first follow-on for West Indies since the 1978-79 Test in Delhi Report, page 17.

Hundreds die in Unita raid

By Richard Dowden

Hundreds of Angolan soldiers and Unita guerillas were killed in a pitched battle at Cafunfo in northern Angola before the rebels overran the town and kidnapped the expatriates working here, including at least three Britons and three Americans.

According to diplomatic sources in Luanda, witnesses said the town was deserted when it was later recaptured by government troops. A Hercules transport aircraft, owned by Transamerican Airlines of California, was burning on the runway. Government troops were digging hundreds of graves near the town yesterday for those killed in Saturday's attack.

In a similar episode last February, 77 expatriates were captured at the isolated diamond mining town, including 17 Britons. They were marched 600 miles through the bush before being taken by lorry to Unita's headquarters at Jamba in south-eastern Angola. All the hostages were released unharmed.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said there were five Britons in Cafunfo at the time of Saturday's attack. Only one had been found safe and unharmed.

It is assumed that the others, including Mr Glen Dixon, an engineer from Leicester with Intraco, a mining equipment company, and Mr Paul Huggins, a loadmaster with Transamerica, have been taken hostage.

Unita has named three Britons and they do not correspond with those the Foreign Office believes were in Cafunfo.

The other hostages include the American pilot and two of his crew and, according to Unita, 17 Filipinos.

In June last year, Dr Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader, told *The Times* that he would attack the diamond mines again but did not wish to take more British hostages.

Cafunfo, a long way west of the main mining area and the smallest of the three mines, is vulnerable, but its garrison was strengthened by Angolan and Cuban troops, after last year's attack.

In London, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said that taking hostages was purely for propaganda purposes and seriously damaged the Unita cause.

It is understood that Miss Tessa Selesby, heal of the Central Africa desk at the Foreign Office, has contacted the Unita representatives in London to express Britain's concern.

'Riff-raff' blamed for anti-Tamil terror

From Trevor Fishlock, Jaffna

Some senior officers in the Sri Lankan armed forces "feel helpless with the riff-raff" under their commannd, according to a former naval officer.

The largely Sinhalese forces are engaged in a bitter campaign against Tamil separatists in the north and east of the island. But the army's rampages, looting murders and lack of discipline are terrifying the civilian population.

Captain P Ambalawarner, a master mariner and retired Sri Lanka Navy officer, said he was prepared to give his name for publication because he felt that educated and responsible people should speak out.

"There is chaos here", he said. "There is no military solution to the problem. We urgently need a political initiative or this country will be given over to terrorism. The militants on both sides will take over. There are a lot of people dying, a lot of restrictions. Time is short and there will be no limit to the violence unless something is done quickly. We are seeing the results of bad work by politicians. The masses are being stirred up.

"I feel some sympathy for the forces because there is a lot of uncertainty. No service can work without clear instructions. There is a lack of clear-cut orders because Government policies are changed so often.

"There is much indiscipline in the lower ranks and men do not know what they are doing and what they are supposed to do. And, of course, they are in fear of their lives.

"Certain Army people go in for excesses and a number of innocent people are harmed. That always happens. I know the senior officers. Many of them are British-trained. They feel helpless with the riff-raff in the ranks. Many officers are good men and embarrassed by what is going on. The forces have become discredited."

Captain Ambalawarner said he did not think most Tamils were separatists. "They want some regional autonomy, recognition of their language, some development and the chance to live in dignity."

Staff at Jaffna general hospital have written to President Jayewardene protesting that doctors have not been issued with curfew passes, that there is no fuel for the ambulance, that drugs are in short supply, that it is becoming hard to find food for patients and staff and that the treatment for patients suffering from diabetes, asthma and hypertension has been so disrupted that many are dying at home.

Staff told me they see many victims of Army beatings. Typically, boys emerge from interrogation and spells in custody with multiple bruises caused by thrashings with pipes filled with sand. Some have heel fractures, having

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...tants as the Ordnance factories are hived off to form an independent company.

The ordnance factories begin trading as a fully – fledged commercial company under the name, Royal Ordnance plc. For the moment the company will remain wholly-owned by the Ministry of Defence, but the Government intends to seek the introduction of private capital, possibly next year.

This first step towards the privatization of the factories has been strongly resisted by the trade unions. As a result of the new status of the ordnance factories, employees cease to be civil servants, and the unions believe that their conditions of employment may suffer, particularly in relation to pension benefits, the finding of alternative jobs, when the workforce has to be reduced, and the making of redundancy payments.

The hiving off of the ordnance factories will bring the number of civilians directly employed by the Ministry of Defence down to about 100 000, having stood at more than 432,000 20 years ago.

Mr Heseltine's reorganization of the top levels of the defence staff, which was bitterly resisted last spring by the chiefs of the individual services, is designed to produce much more integrated and centralized machinery for determining defence policy. This has been achieved by concentrating responsibility for formulating policy advice for ministers in the office of the Chief of Defence staff.

The chiefs of the individual services retain responsibility for the management and morale of their services, but have been largely stripped of their policy-forming staffs. Mr Heseltine is now examining the services' command structures outside the Ministry of Defence. Another important development, which takes effect today, is the creation of an Office of Management and Budget, this will be responsible for long-term financial planning and resource allocation and for the control of expenditure.

The one part of the Ministry which so far appears to be escaping radical restructuring is the Procurement Executive, which spends about £8 million [illegible] although even here a [illegible] of Defence Procurement, [illegible] of Mr Peter [illegible]

Record year for house construction

By William Kay
City Editor

More private houses were built in 1984 than at any time in the past 10 years, according to the National House-Building Council.

A total of 164,000 were completed, an increase of 13,000 on 1983. There were 160,000 housing starts, 10,000 fewer than 1983's record figure.

The main reasons for the improvement were the general economic recovery and a campaign by builders to sell what are known as starter homes to first-time buyers. However, it is accepted that this cycle is nearing its end and the NHBC expects a decline in 1985.

Mr Andrew Tait, director-general of the NHBC, said: "Until recently we were not bullish about 1985, but the outlook has somewhat improved following the confidence given by the Prime Minister's assurance about mortgage tax relief and VAT on new housing.

"Consequently, we have revised upwards our predictions for starts and completions to about 150,000. However, much will depend on interest rates and on whether more land seems likely to be made available in the places where people most want to live."

He added: "It does seem that we will soon, as a nation, have to choose between creating new jobs by allowing industry to go where it wants and building houses to suit this need – or accepting that industrial recovery will be slower than it otherwise would be.

"The experience of the 1960s suggests that long-term jobs are not created by forcing or enticing industry to places where it would not otherwise choose to go."

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How US urged nuclear strike on China

By David Walker

Thirty years ago, British generals were involved with the Americans in planning a nuclear strike against mainland China, according to official papers declassified yesterday.

Cabinet memoranda for 1954, released under the 30-year rule that protects government discussions, show a world closer to war than has ever been realized.

Strong American pressure was applied to Sir Winston Churchill's Conservative government that year to join a coalition to rescue the French, facing a humiliating defeat at the fortress of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam.

In Washington the Chief of the Imperial General Staff joined Allied military men in planning a response to China's likely intervention on the side of the Vietnamese insurgents, led by Ho Chi Minh.

"Should war with China be precipitated by Chinese Communist aggression in South-east Asia", they concluded, "air attack should be launched immediately, aimed at military targets.

"To achieve a maximum and lasting effect nuclear as well as conventional weapons should be used from the outset.

But Sir Winston, who was 80 that year, refused. He confided in his private papers: "The British people would not be easily influenced by what happened in the distant jungles of South-east Asia; but they did know that there was a powerful American base in East Anglia and that war with China, who would invoke the Sino-Russian Pact, might mean an assault by hydrogen bombs on these islands."

Despite his personal friendship with President Eisenhower, Churchill emerges from the secret record as suspicious of the Americans and especially of the American Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles. Were the Americans, who had just tested the first thermonuclear bomb and possessed a strategic edge over the Russians, seeking a "showdown", Churchill asked. The risk of total war was extreme, "and of all the nations involved, the United States would suffer least".

The Cabinet papers for 1954 show Churchill doggedly pursuing a one-man crusade for detente, making contact with the Russian leader, Malenkov, successor to Stalin who had died in 1953, without consulting his Cabinet.

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"We must clear our consciences by having an inquiry into the working of the Prevention of Terrorism Act".

Labour MEP for Birmingham East Mrs Christime Crawley, yesterday wrote to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary asking why the two men, "with *no obvious links with terrorism*, as the police admitted", were held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act in the first instance, and by what justifi-

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… …ad met Bishop, and together they had spent his return fare on drink. It was while drunk they hatched the plot to smuggle themselves on board.

Mr Ralph said: "They were caught up in a dragnet over something a lot more serious. Because they were drunk and behaved stupidly they found themselves arrested under the Prevention of Terrorism Act and spent Christmas in custody."

He emphasized that neither man had any connection with any terrorist organization.

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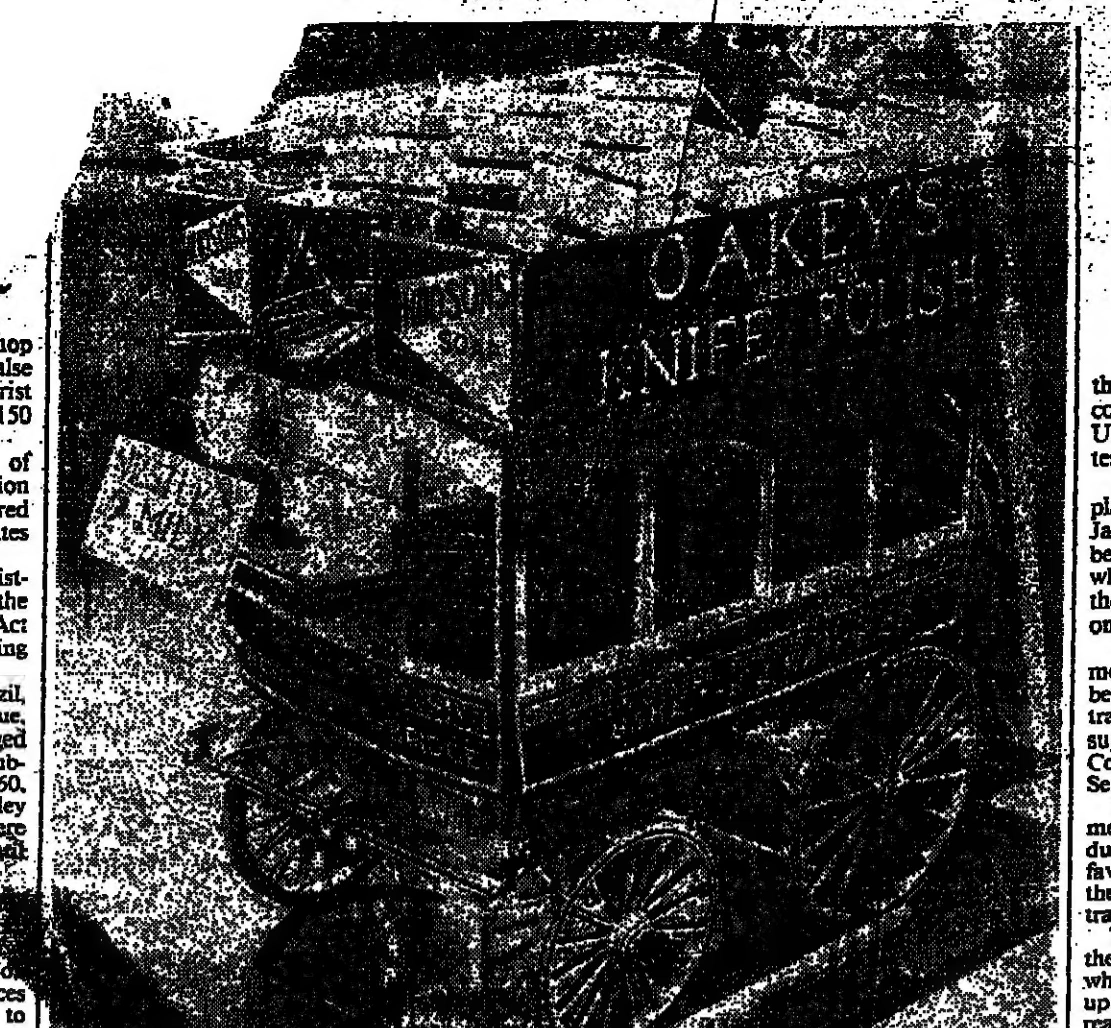
Th… Patrick Brazil, aged 3… …amp Avenue, Dublin, … Grimes, aged 43, of Che… …ad, Dublin, and Peter … aged 60, of St Peter's … Headley Walk, Bristol. A… were remanded in cu… until January 4.

● Tight security surr… the repatriation to Nort… Ireland yesterday of a fugiti… Ulsterman who was arrested o… Sunday night outside the offices of *The Sun* after attempting to sell the newspaper a story about alleged acts of terrorism in Northern Ireland.

Two plainclothes detectives escorted Mervyn Moore, aged 40, on a British Airways flight from Heathrow to Aldergrove airport, where they were met by large numbers of police and driven directly from the aircraft.



Hand-… Exhibits … 54th Model Engine… bition at Wembley … Centre which att… visitors on its … Monday

The "garden… (above) was … G. H. Chapman, … the locomotive … GWR Dean Single 5in gauge built by F. A. Beard, of Peterborough.

More than 650 exhibits include models of traction engines, ships and boats, aeroplanes, cars, merry-go-rounds, clocks, and space vehicles

Exhibitors come from as far afield as Australia and range in age from Edward Hockaday, aged eight, from Chelmsford, to David Urwick aged 81.

The exhibition which was opened by Brigadier Peter Young, the military historian, runs until January 6 (Photographs: Bill Warhurst).

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By Barrie… Labour …

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Union officials … manage-ment meet tod… choose between five … …l arbitrators. The … were supplied by … …dvisory, Conciliation an… …bitration Service.

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If the company loses, other companies might be discouraged from signing such agreements.

The difference between the two sides is considerable. The company has offered a 6 per cent rise from yesterday and a three week bonus. The union says Sanyo is the lowest payer in the consumer electronics industry and is seeking to close the gap with the average wage. Last night, the management was unavailable for comment.

Employees' leaders say that a production operator … the plant earns £84 a wee… £87 with bonus, compare… with an average for the … …dustry in excess of £100. The … …ion wants to close the gap by … …hird in the first yar and half i… …ext and to eliminate it in the …

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

One of the most fateful questions for British politics in 1985 will be what happens to the Labour Party. If it suffers another year as bad as 1984 the obituary notices will be appearing in earnest.

Much of the party's anguish last year can be attributed to the miners' strike. But how much? That it presented Mr Kinnock with an appalling dilemma is beyond question. If he failed to show that his heart was with Mr Scargill he was damned by a section of his own party, and if he did so he was damned by the electorate. The strike ended his honeymoon, both with the party and the country.

Yet there are *deeper reasons* for disillusionment with Labour which will not disappear when the miners go *back to work*. Nor should one assume that once the strike is over its political effect will automatically vanish. *The Falklands* conflict should be a warning that great upheavals leave their memories behind.

But when the strike does end Labour will be given a new opportunity. Whether it is taken will depend upon a number of developments over the next few months, which will have little to do with the miners.

Crisis if union support is lost

One is whether public opinion is affronted and the confidence of labour moderates undermined by the deselection of a number of sitting MPs. Another is whether trade union members will support the continuation of political funds in the ballots which will have to be conducted under the terms of the Government's industrial relations legislation. A crisis could be created for the party if the financial support of a good many unions was withdrawn.

Another critical factor will be the choice of a successor to Mr Jim Mortimer as Labour's general secretary. The statement by Mr David Warburton of the General and Municipal Workers' Union, that he is not available, removes one potentially strong candidate.

Above all there will be the quality of leadership that Mr Kinnock offers over the next 12 months. This has been highlighted by the recent speculation that he might face a hard left challenger in the autumn.

***Perhaps he had this in mind* when he wrote for the current *Labour Weekly* that the task of recapturing the lost voters cannot be carried out if the party engages in yet another bout of internal conflict.**

Whether he is challenged for the leadership seems to me, however, much less important than how he responds. It is a little too simple to suggest that British voters will never support a divided party. What they will not support is a party whose divisions have paralysed the leadership

Disunity never an inhibition

The Conservatives have never been a united party since *Mrs Thatcher took over*. But that has not prevented their electoral success because it has not inhibited the leadership. Nobody would suggest that one of Mrs Thatcher's failings is to listen too much to her critics.

If Mr Kinnock were to be challenged this year there would be a few months of bad publicity which the party could well do without. This might be particularly damaging for Labour in its effect upon the union ballots on political funds. But there would seem to be little risk that he would be run close, let alone defeated. He could probably expect to win a majority, even among the constituency parties. In the end his position in the party might very well be strengthened.

What Labour should fear is that either the fact or the fear of a challenge might induce Mr Kinnock to play it safe with the party. That would be disastrous because it is not possible to win a majority of the British electorate by pandering to Labour's far left. Any Labour leader has to make a choice between appeasing his extremists and seeking to be Prime Minister.

The emphasis that Mr Kinnock places in his *Labour Weekly* article, on winning back the lost voters, suggests that in principle at any rate, he has made the right choice. The most hopeful sign for Labour is that for all his affability, their leader is a very ambitious man. He has to prove in the coming year that he is also a strong one.

Ulster party expels maverick

As Mr George Seawright, the maverick member of the Northern Ireland Assembly, "first footed" in his native Glasgow early yesterday, he was expelled from the Democratic Unionist Party.

In effect he had expelled himself by failing publicly to withdraw by midnight on December 31 remarks he made last May suggesting that the Belfast authorities should buy an incinerator to burn Roman Catholics and their priests, whom he described as "fenian scum".

The outburst has since earned Mr Seawright, aged 33, a fundamentalist lay preacher, the nickname of the "Burn-Again Christian".

He is apparently standing by the remarks, which he does not deny making at a meeting of the Belfast Education and Library Board. On November 29 he was convicted under the Incitement to Hatred Act, fined £100, which he has refused to pay, and given a six-month sentence suspended for three years.

Mr Seawright: Failed to give apology

The Democratic Unionist Party, whose assembly group had withdrawn the party whip from him at Stormont, had given him until midnight on December 31 to apologize or face expulsion. Mr Seawright remained uncharacteristically silent and, instead, left to celebrate Hogmanay.

Mr Nicholas Scott, junior minister at the Northern Ireland Office, who appointed Mr Seawright to the education board on the nomination of the city council, on which Mr Seawright also sits, has taken no action concerning his place on the education authority.

The council recently voted to disown Mr Seawright in the confident but subsequently disappointed expectation that he would then be dismissed by the minister.

FBI 'involved in Murrell inquiry'

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The US Federal Bureau of Investigation was involved in police inquiries into the murder of Miss Hilda Murrell, aged 78, the anti-nuclear campaigner, it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, has tabled a question to Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, asking why the FBI was called in to investigate the murder of Miss Murrell. Mr Dalyell has alleged in the Commons that she died after an encounter with British intelligence officers searching for sensitive documents relating to the sinking of the General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict in 1982.

Mr Stephen Beard, a freelance journalist who has reported the case for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, said yesterday that Mr Bernard Drew, assistant chief constable of West Mercia, had told him that the FBI had been involved.

Details of the case had been sent to the FBI for it to process, using its techniques of "criminal profiling", he had been told by Mr Drew. But it, too, had come to the conclusion that Miss Murrell had died after disturbing burglars

Minister 'misus…ng Civil Service'

Mr David Mitchell, the Under-Secretary of State for Transport, has been accused of "misusing the Civil Service" to promote government plans for bus privatization.

The accusation by the Transport and General Workers' Union comes after a letter from Mr Mitchell to Tory MPs, urging them to campaign locally for the sell-off of the National Bus Company. A copy was delivered to Mr Ron Davies, the Labour MP for Caerphilly, by mistake.

Mr Chris Kaufman, editor of the TGWU journal, claims: "Government Ministers have got so rattled over … success of the TGWU-inspi… campaign to oppose the …ll-off of Britain's bus serv… that they stand accused of … …using the Civil Service in a… …tempt to stem the tide." … says "the degree of panic in … ranks" is demonstrated by … Mitchell's letter.

Mr Mitchell a…nowledges that many operato… representative organization… and councillors are agitatin… against the Government's pr…osals. He sent MPs a copy of … Whitehall leaflet and an art… …seful in preparing argume… for the Government's ca…

TUC to oppose changes in pension tax laws

By Our Labour Reporter

The TUC is to seek an urgent meeting with the Government after reports that tax relief on occupational pension schemes may be withdrawn. The labour movement believes that the move could involve the taxation of lump sum benefits, investment income and contributions, which would mean a radical change in the 60-year old system.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, withdr… … relief on … … miums … … and the withdrawal of … schemes … occupational pension … is next is believed to be revenue-raising opt…

In a statement issued today the TUC says that the current tax relief is a vital part ofthe foundations of the Social Security Pensions Act, 1975, and has assisted the growth in scheme memberships to around 12 million. "Changes in tax arrangements adds.

The TUC argues that the Government has no mandate for such "unilateral action"

The TUC contends that there … … case for preferential … …nent which encourages … …o provide for people's …-term needs. The current system has long been the basis of the prosperity of occupational pension schemes, it adds.

Channel ferries disrupted

Bad weather yesterday stopped Hoverspeed services from Dover to Calais and Boulogne as ferry services were hit by a French seamen's strike. The RAC gave warning that today's services were also likely to be affected by the strike. An RAC spokesman advised motorists to telephone ferry operators before setting out for the Continent because of disruption caused by the strike. The ports at Calais and Dunkirk were closed, and all Townsend-Thoresen and Sealink services to Calais were cancelled. P&O ferries were still operating to Boulogne, which was not affected by the strike.

Yesterday morning's Sally Line sailing from Ramsgate to Dunkirk was cancelled, but all ferries to Boulogne from Folkestone were running normally

The RAC spokesman said the bad weather had halted Hoverspeed crossings to Calais and Boulogne from Dover, and two Jetfoils from Dover to Ostend yesterday afternoon. Information Service, back page

Chess lead unclear after delay

From Our Chess Correspondent, Hastings

The standings in the Grandmaster tournament of the Hastings International Chess Congress are far from clear at the moment, since two games from round one have had to be postponed, because of the late arrival of their players.

The lead is held by Fedorowicz, the United States Grandmaster with 2½ points out of 3. Next comes Joel Benjamin aged 19, with a score of two points. What a pity it is that Nigel Short was apparently persuaded by his elders to withdraw from the tournament; since it would have been a matter of great interest to see these two young players competing for supremacy in what is, after all, one of the best tests in the world.

The results of round one were: Federowicz 1, Plaskett 0, QP Queen's Indian defence, 40 moves: Watson 1, Gutmann 0, Sicilian defence, 32: Ravikumar 0, Benjamin 1, QP Nimzoindian defence, 86, Sveshnikov v Kupreichik, postponed: Forago 0, Flear 1, QGD 39: Djuric v Abramovic postponed, Martin 0, Gebert 1, QP 50.

Results in round two, Plaskett 1, Hebert 0, Sicilian defence 21, Abramovic 1, Martin 0, French defence, 34, Flear ½, Djuric ½, QP, Nimzoindian defence, 43, Kupreichik adjourned against Farago, French defence, 42, Benjamin against Sveshnikov, Catalan System, 40; Gutman 0, Ravikumar 1, QP King's Indian defence 36: Fedorowicz ½, Watson ½, English opening, 19.

Mobile phones boost

Britain's first "cellular" radio-telephone service allowing more efficient communication on the move was introduced in the London region yesterday well ahead of schedule.

The Vodafone system uses hundreds of low power radio transmitters each serving a small area or "cell". Each cell is linked to a central computer, which will automatically switch telephone users who are on the move from one transmitter to another without interruption.

The technology overcomes one of the biggest weaknesses of previous radio-telephone systems, the lack of capacity and channels.

Chapple peerage angers Labour

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The award of a life peerage in the New Year Honours list to Mr Frank Chapple, former electrician's leader, has been condemned bitterly by the labour movement.

Mr Chapple, former general secretay of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, has said he will sit on the House of Lords cross-benches because of his disenchantment with present Labour Party policies.

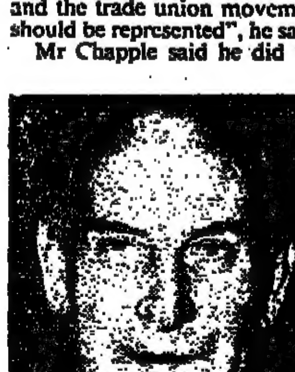
Mr Bill Keys, general secretary of the print union Sogat '82, said he was not surprised to see Mr Chapple ennobled and to hear his political declaration. Mr Chapple had supported the Conservative Government by his support of right-wing policies, he said.

"Some of us remember Mr Chapple when he was a member of the Communist Party trying to lead the revolution. Fortunately he arrived too late. At least some of us have not crossed the river in the way he has crossed it."

But another union leader, Mr Terry Duffy, president of the engineering union, welcomed the peerages for both Mr Chapple and Mr Len Murray, former general secretary of the TUC. Both had earned the right to sit in the Lords, he said.

"They will be more au fait with industrial relations laws than anyone in the Lords. I have never been opposed to the Lords. My two predecessors were there. It is a powerful body and the trade union movement should be represented", he said.

Mr Chapple said he did not care about the a…sations of those on the Left. …s record of defending his un… and his members from o…side attack spoke for itself.



Mr Keys: Critical of change of sides

Mr Murray said he accepted the peerage partly because he was a believer i… the second chamber and an …ually firm opponent of a here…tary second chamber.

"I would be ve… happy to participate in vo…g a heriditary second cha…ber out of existence", he said.

The Prime Min…er's list also includes two str…ng miners, Mr Albert Barlow, … face worker at the Caphouse … …by Grange pit near Wakefi…, and Mr Ronald Buck, and … underground development wor… at Maltby, South Yorkshire. Both were awarded the Br…h Empire Medal.

Mr Barlow, aged 54, branch president of the N…M, started as a miner about 4… years ago. A union official for …re than 20 years, he said: "I … …ve been on strike since day on… but I wish someone would g… round the table to get this thi… settled".

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ROYAL COMMISSION INTO BRITISH NUCLEAR TESTS IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian Government has established a Royal Commission to inquire into the British nuclear tests that were conducted in Australia during the period of twelve years from 1 January 1952.

Inquiry Members

The President of the Royal Commission is Mr. Justice J. R. McClelland, Chief Judge of the N.S.W. Land and Environment Court; the other Commissioners are Mrs. Jill Fitch, Senior Health Physicist with the South Australian Health Commission and Dr. William Jonas, Lecturer in Geography at the University of Newcastle, N.S.W.

Terms of Reference

The Royal Commission is to inquire into:-

(a) the measures that were taken before and at the time of tests, and have since been taken for the purpose of protecting persons in and about Australia and the External Territories against exposure to the harmful effects of ionising radiation and against contact with radioactive substances and other toxic materials used in or produced by the tests.

(b) whether the measures so taken were adequate for that purpose, having regard to the measures considered appropriate for the protection of health and the standards applicable at the time of the tests as well as at the present time; and

(c) whether the health of persons in and about Australia and the External Territories was or has been adversely affected by reason of exposure to the harmful effects of ionising radiation or contact with radioactive substances or other toxic materials used in or produced by the tests.

The Royal Commission is to inquire particularly into:-

(i) the management and conduct of the tests including the criteria for safe firing of the tests;

(ii) the arrangements made both at the time of the tests and afterwards to exclude unauthorised persons from areas that in relation to the tests were prohibited areas or restricted areas for the purpose of the Defence (Special Undertakings) Act 1952 or otherwise:

(iii) radiological and other health physics standards and practices associated with the tests;

(iv) atmospheric atomic fallout monitoring arrangements associated with the tests;

(v) the disposal within Australia of buildings, equipment and materials that were at the test sites; and

(vi) the measures taken, both at the time of the tests and afterwards, to manage the test sites.

The Royal Commission is not restricted to examining matters relating only to Australian citizens, but in conducting its inquiry, it is to have particular regard to the following persons, namely, members of the Australian Defence Force and civilians at the test sites, Royal Australian Navy personnel in the vicinity of the tests at the Monte Bello Islands, Royal Australian Air Force personnel, including decontamination teams, involved in atomic cloud sampling and tracking operations, and Aboriginals and other civilians in the general region of the test sites.

The Royal Commission is able to take evidence in private where appropriate: for example, in cases where a matter is in issue between parties in proceedings in a court or other tribunal relating to the death or personal injury of any person, alleged to arise out of the tests; or where evidence involves classified documents or reference to the contents of classified documents.

Submissions

The date for lodgement of submissions to the Royal Commission has formally closed but has been extended for the purpose of hearings in the United Kingdom. Any person or organisation wishing to make a submission should address it to:

The Secretary, Royal Commission into British Nuclear Tests in Australia, c/o St. James's Conference & Press Centre, 14 Little St. James's Street, LONDON, S.W.1.

The Royal Commission's formal hearings will commence at 10.00a.m. on Thursday, 3 January 1985 in the St James's Conference and Press Centre and are open to the public and media representatives.

Pooh footpath to be repaired

Methuen, publisher of the Pooh bear books, has given £200 towards the cost of repairing the footpath leading to the bridge made famous by the author, A A Milne, in his stories for children.

The parish council at Hartfield in East Sussex had asked for a contribution towards the £1,000 cost of restoring the footpath, visited by Pooh devotees from all over the world who go there to play "Pooh sticks".

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 58; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.00; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $4.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Town fights to keep its curfew bell ringing

An attempt will be made this week to ensure that the curfew bell which has sounded each week night for 420 years over a Welsh border town will go on ringing.

Under the terms of a will made in 1565 by a wool merchant, John Beddoes, the bell must be rung in the tower of St Andrew's Church at Presteigne, Powys, to guide travellers who may be lost on dark stormy nights.

If the bell stops, the John Beddoes High School could lose endowments which pay for educational trips and other activities.

The last curfew ringer, Mr Brian Jones, gave up the job on Monday because he has started work as a plumber offering a 24-hour service and cannot guarantee to ring the bell at 8.25pm between Mondays and Fridays. He took on the job four years ago "as a labour of love" after being made redundant.

The ringer is paid only 20p a night, £50 a year, and no permanent replacement has been found for Mr Jones. Talks will be held this week between the school governors, Dr James Moran, the headmaster, and church officials to try to ensure that the bell goes on ringing.

Dr Moran said: "I am hoping we can find a way to raise the pay to about £300 a year to make the job more attractive. It has been suggested that we could automate the bell, but I don't think the idea will be taken seriously."

Extra helping

Sales of Christmas puddings were up 30 per cent over last year, and some were exported to Japan for the first time, Matthew Walker of Heanor, Derbyshire, the food company, said.

Advert…ing wins m…ore suppo…ters

More people no… approve of advertising than a… …ny time in the past 20 years, …ccording to the Advertising … …ssociation's latest four-yearly s…vey. It says that of a sample i…terviewed in a national poll, …7 per cent approved of adver…ing and 15 per cent disapprove…

This continues an upward trend since 1966, when 68 per cent approved and 25 per cent disapproved.

The survey …oke down answers into em…loyed and unemployed peopl…, but there was little difference in response. *Public Attitudes to A…vertising 1984*. (Newstech Commun…ations Ltd, Henley-on Thames, £…)

More tou…ists

Orkney had …more than 70,000 more visito… this season than ever before. … per cent up on last year. They …ought in an estimated £3.7 mi…on.

Burglary theory after wealthy businessman is shot dead

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A big police investigation was under way in north London yesterday after a wealthy businessman died when intruders broke into his luxury home little more than an hour into the new year.

Mr Aristos Constantinou, aged 40, was shot a number of times after he and his wife Elena arrived home at their detached house in the Bishop's Avenue, Hampstead, after a new year party.

Yesterday detectives were waiting to interview Mrs Constantinou, who is in her twenties, to discover what happened in the house at about 1.30 yesterday morning. The house was empty apart from Mr and Mrs Constantinou, whose three children were staying with friends for the night.

Police believe the intruders were burglars and discount any connection between the shooting and Mr Constantinou's Cypriot origin. Last night a police spokesman said that although a full inventory was not complete some cash is thought to be missing.

The police need to discover whether the couple came home and chanced upon the intruders, whether the intruders broke in after the Constantinous had arrived home and whether there was an attempt to force the couple reveal the whereabouts of jewellery and cash.

The dead man was an extremely wealthy dress manufacturer with offices in London's West End. His home is in one of the most expensive roads in London.

Running up to the Kenwood estate in Hampstead the road is known locaiy as "Millionaire's Row." Many of the houses are large, detached buildings with elaborate security precautions. Many foreign families live in the area.

The investigation is being headed by Det Sup Robert Green, who has set up a squad of detectives at Finchley police station. The police are looking for witnesses who may have seen anything suspicious in the area north of Hampstead Heath between midnight and 1.45 am yesterday.

It is likely that the intruders had a car near by, but police have not disclosed any sightings.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said the victim was shot "several times" but he refused to say what type of gun was gun used. "There were signs of forced entry to the house and first indications suggest there were two intruders", he said.

Mr Constantinou: Died after new year party

Topsy-turvy view of the new year: Emma Rosen, aged five, trying to stand on her head at yesterday's Playshop in the foyer of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London. Children were shown the safe way to do acrobatics and tumbling.

Drummer 'critical' after arm is sewn back

Surgeons have saved the arm of the rock drummer Rick Allen after it was severed in a road crash, but despite a series of operations the musician was critically ill in a hospital intensive care unit yesterday.

Mr Allen, aged 21, who is a member of the Def Leppard group, had interrupted a recording schedule in America to visit his parents and relatives in his home city of Sheffield.

The accident happened on Monday as he drove towards Sheffield on the A57 Snake Pass about five miles outside the city with his Dutch fiancée Mirium Barendsen, aged 22, who suffered head injuries.

The car, a Corvette Stingray, failed to negotiate a bend and Mr Allen was thrown out. His fiancée was trapped inside the car.

Ambulancemen recovered the severed left arm and an operation using microsurgery to stitch it back was carried out at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield. Further operations were carried out yesterday including exploratory ones to assess internal injuries. The drummer was said to be in a critical condition.

The group which formed in 1978 has never had a big hit in Britain but has sold more than 10 million LPs in the US. The last "Pyromania" was voted best album last year in the record industry's Grammy awards.

The original five members of the group – one has left and been replaced – began their careers rehearsing in a derelict garage in Sheffield.

They financed their first record which attracted interest from the music industry and they were signed up by Phonogram in 1979. Despite not becoming stars in Britain they took America by storm and have a huge following.

Mr Allen's parents were at his bedside at the hospital yesterday.

Beaufort grave damage charge

Terence James Helsby, of White Hart Lane, Tottenham, London, and John Christopher Kurtin, of Kingsland Avenue, Coventry, both aged 21, appeared before Avon North Magistrates, near Bristol, on Monday, in connection with offences at the Duke of Beaufort's grave during the Christmas holiday.

They were jointly charged with the theft of a cross and with criminal damage to a gravestone and boundary wall at Badminton Church, Avon, where the 10th Duke of Beaufort is buried. Both men were remanded in police custody for three days pending further inquires.

Golf course murder remand

Colin Frederick Campbell, aged 37, of Beresford Avenue, Hanwell, west London, was remanded in custody for three days yesterday, accused of murdering Deidre Sainsbury, aged 29, an anti-cruise missile demonstrator at Greenham Common, whose naked body was found on a golf course at Denham, Buckinghamshire, two days before Christmas.

Baby 'stable'

Catherine McTiernan, aged eight months, Britain's youngest liver transplant patient, was said yesterday to be stable and breathing without the aid of a ventilator. "She has had her first oral feed since the operation, a few sips of fluid," Mr John Edwards, spokesman for Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, said.

Hospital fall

Police and health authority officials are investigating how Mr Reginald Watts, aged 56, fell 50 ft from a window at Princess Margaret hospital, Swindon, Wiltshire. Mr Watts, who has multiple injuries, was described as poorly yesterday.

Coroner's Christmas fire 'horror'

An inquest opened on Monday into the deaths of nine people in a house fire at Bury, Greater Manchester, on Christmas Day.

During the hearing, where evidence of identification and medical facts were given, Dr Geoffrey Garrett, a Home Office pathologist, said that all nine died by inhaling fumes in the fire at Massey Street. The victims included five children.

Mr Bryan North, the coroner, said: "No one who attended at the scene of this fire on Christmas morning, as I did, could fail to be moved at the horrifying tragedy. This was a time when a family had come together to celebrate the festive season."

Fourteen people were in the house at the time of the blaze. The dead were Mrs Elizabeth Carroll, aged 47; her father, Mr Walter Jones, aged 76, a retired lorry driver, her daughters Joanne Carroll, aged 15 and Mrs Laura Fry, aged 28, of Gigg Lane, Bury; grandchildren Scott Fry, aged six, Lyndsey Fry, aged three, Barry Gaunt, aged two and Dean Gaunt, aged four; and Mrs Fry's boyfriend Mr Darrell Smith, aged 24, a machinist, of Rutland Drive, Bury.

Dr Garrett said that the four adults had all been drinking, but he said: "I think they would all have been capable of reacting." Evidence of identification, based on clothing and other possessions, was given by relatives.

Police Constable Joseph Cassells said: "All the identifications had to be carried out in this way because of the state of the bodies due to burning. It would have been very distressing for the family to have to see them." He said that investigations into the cause of the fire were continuing.

Dr Garrett said he had no information on the source of the fire.

The inquest was adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Girl of 8 and brother die in blaze

A girl aged eight and her half-brother aged 18 died in a house fire at Craigavon, co Armagh, Northern Ireland, early yesterday.

The house on the Kilwilkie estate was engulfd by flames at about 4am. Neighbours tried to persuade Katrina Hamill to jump from her first-floor bedroom window. But she appeared frightened and after a short time disappeared. Her half-brother, Patrick Duffy, was trapped in another bedroom.

Their sister, Sharon, aged 12, and brother, Colin, aged 17, escaped together with Mr Raymond Hamill and his wife.

Also at Craigavon, police frogmen yesterday recovered the body of Mr Robert Allen, aged 23, of Richill, co Armagh, who drowned when his car plunged into a lake on Monday night. A woman aged 20 was rescued from the water immediately after the accident.

In Anglesey, Miss Susan Davies, aged 20, of Cichle Hill, Llandegfan, died and Mr Anthony Kelly, also aged 20, of Kelly's farm, Llanddinel, was badly hurt when they were hit by a minibus at Llanfair early yesterday. They were among a group of ten pedestrians.

In Dewsbury, West Yorkshire, Mrs Edna Earnshaw, aged 63, was killed by an explosion in her home on New Year's Eve. Gas engineers, who later found a broken gas main near by, tried to pull her from the ensuing blaze but were beaten back.

In Gravesend on New Year's Eve, Mr José Luis Nunes, aged 30, of Rochester Road, died after being found with multiple injuries near his car.

Two cousins, Mary Joyce and Mary Madden, both aged 21, were killed yesterday when the car they were in went over an embankment on Achill Island, Co Mayo, in the Irish Republic.

A man was in hospital in Torquay after a 20ft pile of beer kegs collapsed on top of him on New Year's Eve. Mr Andrew Miller, aged 27, suffered multiple injuries in the incident at the wine and spirit wholesalers of Tolchard and Son.

'Trendy' teachers idea dismissed

Teachers are still very much in charge of what goes on in primary school classrooms, and concentrate very much on the basics, according to report from an educational research body. It denies the widespread idea that trendy teachers let children do as they like.

The report is based on research sponsored by the Department of Education and Science in which 2,528 teachers from large and small junior schools were questioned.

The findings, published in *Education Research*, the journal of the National Foundation of Educational Research, show that the vast majority of junior school teachers are firmly in control of their classrooms.

They decide what the children will do. They also prefer the traditional style of teaching to a reliance on discovery methods. More and more are teaching the whole class instead of splitting it up into groups or individuals.

There is no need to exhort them to go back to the basics, because teaching the basic skills in English and mathmatics seems to be the "predominant feature of junior school classrooms".

Miss Joan Barker Lunn the researcher, says the situation disclosed by the survey is in marked contrast with the assumed stereotype that was prevalent in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Plowden Committee, set up in 1963 to inquire into the state of primary education, lent its approval to what was described as progressive education.

People accepted the view and, despite the absence of supporting evidence and contradictory findings since then, the belief still exists to some extent, the report says.

Diaries show 50-hour week

Teaches work an average 50 hours a week, about 10 hours more than they did a decade ago, according to the preliminary findings of a survey by the National Union of Teachers (Colin Hughes writes).

The union has asked its 235,000 members to compile work diaries to provide evidence on its claim that hard-pressed saff are having to put in longer hours to keep up with increased demands.

Mr Douglas McAvoy, the union's deputy general secretary, sid that the diaries, being sent in at the rate of 100 a week, demonstrate a "massive professional commitment".

1985, year of youth and teddies

Emphasis put on help for Third World

The opening of International Youth Year (IYY) England on January 16 at Coventry Cathedral, attended by the Prince of Wales, will launch a programme of nationwide events organized by 65 local groups.

In March an Oxfam/IYY fete at Battersea Park, London, will focus attention on youth in the Third World.

Further highlights include the National Youth Festival Week in April with song, dance, music and theatre, a street arts festival in the Northwest in July, and a mass lobby of Parliament on youth issues in early November.

The year's patron is the Duke of Westminster, the president is the pop singer Paul Weller, and support is promised from Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, entertainers and athletes.

The year's themes are participation, development and peace. Groups will examine ways of overcoming obstacles preventing the young from fully participating at work and in colleges, clubs and trade unions.

Young people will also be encouraged to contribute to progress in the developing countries

Bears in every stocking for next Christmas

By Robin Young

Before the tinsel and decorations have been cleared away, marketing men have set their sights on Christmas 1985. This, we are promised, will prove to be the Year of the Bear.

The international Teddy Bear Club claims a membership growing at the rate of 1,000 a month in 71 countries, and its aim is to monopolize Christmas stockings in 1985 for six-inch tall teddy bears made, to British design, in Korea.

Even a bear of very little brain could see that all the dolls and toys which have sold particularly well in recent years had American origins. But this is to be the year that teddy bears seize the initiative back for Britain. Teddies are intended to supplant Cabbage Patch dolls in 1985.

Those who join the International Teddy Bear Club (promoted by the same people who run Joy George's Culture Club) get a cuddly teddy with a plastic nose and simulated bow tie, an enamel badge, and a membership card. To help to sell the idea, the originators have produced a 1985 Teddy Bear calendar and a teddy-shaped picture disc of the original recording of "Teddy Bears' Picnic".

Tonight, as luck would have it, there is a teddy bears' concert at the Barbican Centre, London, with personal appearances by Rupert Bear, Paddington Bear, Baloo from *The Jungle Book*, Winnie the Pooh, Little John Bear from *Robin Hood*, and the latest in the bear family's gallery of fame, George, the Hofmeister lager bear.

Children who attend the concert accompanied by their teddy bears will be admitted at a reduced price, and the International Teddy Bear Club will be out in force.

Next week teddy goes to the United Nations, which is seeking an emblem with which to promote Unicef's concept of 1985 as the year of youth. If the audition goes successfully, the year of youth and the year of the bear will make common cause rather than squabbling over which has prior claim to the coming 365 days.

Membership of the International Teddy Bear Club costs £5.49 (including postage of member's bear) and so far 10,000 have been sold in seven weeks. But the group's eyes are firmly set on next Christmas.

George Best moved to open prison

George Best, the former football star, who was jailed two weeks ago for a drink-driving offence, will be moved today to Ford open prison near Arundel, West Sussex.

Mr Bill McMurdo, his manager, said Best had not requested the move, from Pentonville Prison. But he added: "I understand Ford has a football team and that is sure to please George."

Ford Prison has several farm buildings and Prisoners lead an open life, with a number of privileges not allowed in closed prisons.

Prisoner are expected to work making shirts or assembling small electronics units and are mostly kept under trust that they will not abscond. The prison has an active branch of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The prison football team, Ford United, plays in the Second Division of the West Sussex League. Players are not chosen unless they are willing to do exercises and football training twice a week.

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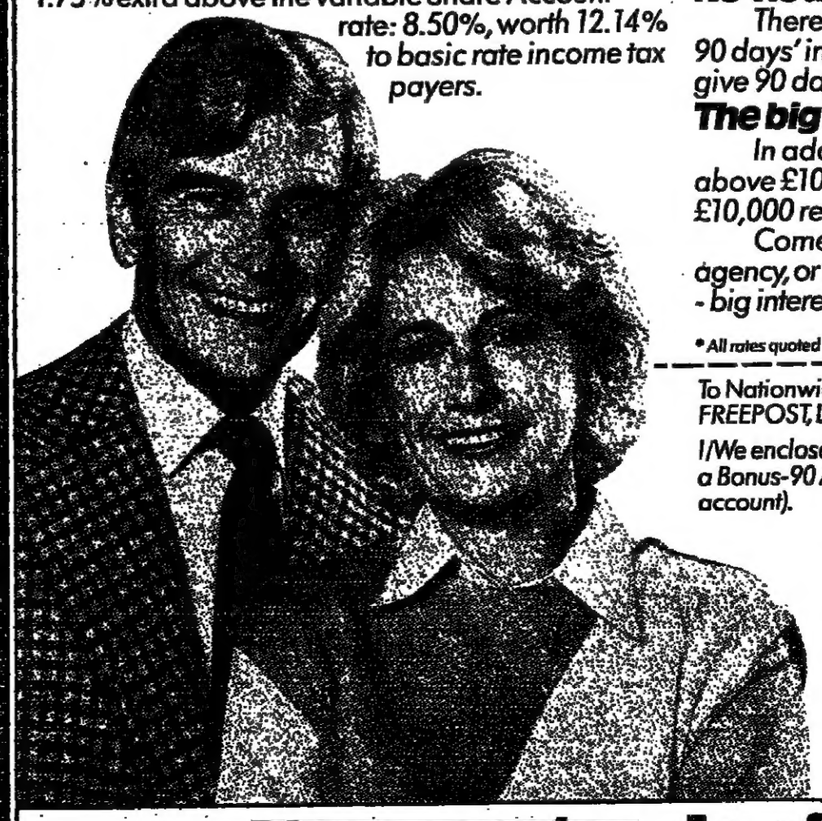

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Churchill sought ways of keeping blacks out of Civil Service

By David Walker, Social Policy Correspondent

Mr R. A. Butler was asked by Sir Winston Churchill's Cabinet in 1954 to produce a report on ways of stopping blacks getting jobs in the Civil Service.

But Butler, obviously embarrassed, said the only way was overt discrimination and that would "involve difficulties of principle out of all proportion to any practical advantage which the Civil Service might derive".

The request to Butler, who, as Chancellor of the Exchequer, was responsible for Civil Service matters, reflected the deep anxiety of Churchill's Government about immigration from the West Indies and West Africa. Cabinet papers for 1954, declassified yesterday and available for public view at the Public Record Office at Kew from today, show how even before Britain acquired significant numbers of non-white inhabitants, public officials were worried about the social effects. A puzzle is that by the time legislation to control immigration was introduced in the 1960s, mass immigration had increased the number of blacks considerably.

The clearest statement of the problem as perceived by the Government came in a memorandum to the Cabinet from Sir David Maxwell Fyfe, the Home Secretary.

"Complaints are becoming more frequent", he wrote, "that large numbers of coloured people are living on national assistance (ie supplementary benefit) or the immoral earnings of white women, and special objection has been taken to the way in which some coloured people acquire tenancies of old property and, by their conduct, make life difficult for white people living in the same building or area."

The Home Office produced statistics for the Metropolitan Police area showing that of 62 convictions for living on women's immoral earnings in the year till August 1953, 24 were of coloured men. The Cabinet was told that 3,000 blacks were entering Britain each year. Of an estimated 40,000 in Britain, 3,300 were unemployed and 1,800 were receiving national assistance.

The Cabinet agonised over several sessions, discussing new rules for deporting blacks convicted of offences or those who were "a charge on public funds". Churchill, according to the official minutes, was a Cassandra.

"The rapid improvement of communications was likely to lead to a continuing increase in the numbers of coloured people coming to this country, and their presence here would sooner or later come to be resented by large sections of the British people." Trouble spots mentioned were Manchester and Paddington, London.

In the late autumn of 1954 the Home Office produced new figures showing that immigration from the West Indies had increased to 10,000 a year. The Home Secretary, Gwilym Lloyd-George, predicted ominously that foreign ship-owners would soon cash in by speeding up the flow.

The issue was seen by the Cabinet as non-partisan. The worries of Labour MPs were cited and Churchill said he would consult Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, on necessary measures. Even the ministers for the colonies and the Commonwealth were convinced of the need for action.

Lord Swinton, Secretary for Commonwealth Relations, wanted a policy of welcoming the comparatively few "good young" Canadians or New Zealanders who wished to work in Britain while restricting West Indians or West Aricans.

Legislation was called for ugently, but, as we now know, it was not until eight years later that Mr Harold Macmillan's Conservative Government introduced the first immigration Act.

Hindsight is a great gift: the 1954 Cabinet's anxiety about sinking new pits and recruitment to the coal industry makes ironic reading in 1985. But there it was. The Cabinet was told bluntly by the Minister for Fuel and Power that the "stranglehold of the miners" was absolute.

By a three-week strike in the winter, which they could well afford, they could bring the economy to a standstill. Even by an overtime ban they could upset the Government's plans. Everything hinged on the responsibility of the leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers.

Several times during the year the Cabinet resolved to use precious foreign exchange to import more coal and stave off shortages.

Tomorrow: Churchill and the Bomb.

The new European Commission: 1

Mitterrand's man brings hope

On Monday a new Commission takes over executive control of the EEC in Brussels under M Jacques Delors, the former French Finance Minister. It is supposed to be a new-style commission: the members have been urged by their new President to interlink their responsibilities as never before. M. Delors wants to build a collegiate team, rather than rely on a number of "stars" to lead the way.

M. Delors set off on the right foot by winning agreement a month ago on who should do what in the new Commission. This did away with the need for the traditional "night of the long knives" at the first meeting – an event which has soured relations in previous commissions as individuals fought over the available jobs.

In this first article on members of the Commission Ian Murray looks at the new President and three members of his team.

M Delors: Leader of a collegiate EEC team.

There was a feeling of relief in Brussels when the news came through that M Jacques Delors had been chosen as the next president of the European Commission. The Community was still reeling after the titanic struggle over the British budget quarrel, enlargement with Spain and Portugal was looking bleak and bankruptcy was looming.

The fact that a man of such political stature was prepared to lead the Community through the next four years had a real steadying effect. Already, before he takes office, there is a new confidence that things are going to get better.

The new President began his career in the Banque de France and then on through the upper echelons of the French civil service to the private office of M Jacques Chaban-Delmas, when he was Prime Minister. On the way there he was for a while a teacher at the esteemed Ecole Nationale d'Administration (Ena), where only the very best students gain entrance.

It was only 10 years ago that he joined the Socialist Party, but within five years he was on its management committee and elected to the European Parliament, where his experience made him the automatic choice as chairman of the economic and monetary committee.

Appointed French Finance Minister after President Mitterrand was elected in May, 1981, he quickly became regarded as the acceptable face of French socialism. In the early "spend, spend, spend" days of the new Socialist government he reasoned for moderation and eventually, with the French economy falling apart, his rescue plan was adopted.

Part of that rescue was made possible because of the way he negotiated with other EEC finance ministers for a new value for the franc within the European Monetary System. He is said to have threatened to take France out of the EMS if he did not get his way, and in the end he won a deal which established his credentials as a tough and skilful negotiator, without in any way undermining his popularity in the Council of Ministers.

Significantly he has decided to keep under his personal control the running of the EMS while he is President, along with all monetary affairs. He can be expected to press on with the work of trying to make the ECU (European Currency Unit) more than just a national currency and Britain may find him pestering the Treasury to bring sterling into the exchange mechanism of the EMS.

He has also taken over the difficult task of running the Community's structural funds. These provide the money which Greece is seeking as its price for letting Spain and Portugal join the Community. This is a job he may be pleased to shed after enlargement, but one he wants to be in control of during negotiations.

He is aged 59 and is married with two children.

Signor Lorenzo Natali begins his third consecutive four-year term at the Commission in charge of one of its most important posts – co-operation and development with the Third World.

He is the first non-Frenchman to be given this area since the EEC came into being and he was appointed even though M Claude Cheysson, who had done this job with distinction in the past, was returning to the Commission.

This could present problems for a less robust personality, but Signor Natali, having survived seven Italian parliaments as a Christian Democrat member and in a whole range of governments, is a determined politician in his own right.

The development directorate is, after agriculture, the biggest spender in the EEC, and is much in the limelight because of public concern over the famine in Africa. He takes over just as a third Lomé convention is due to start up and it will be important for him to take control of its operation from the start.

Signor Natali is also to remain in charge of the enlargement negotiations with Spain and Portugal – a subject which will be phased out, if all goes according to plan, from the end of the year.

Married, with two daughters, he is aged 62.

Herr Karl-Heinz Narjes is an old submariner who has reached the top of the European Commission by way of a prisoner of war camp, a law degree, the West German Foreign Service, the EEC civil service and the Bundestag.

Members of the new Commission: Signor Natali (left), Herr Narjes and Mr Sutherland (right).

One of the three survivors of the old Commission, he takes over the job of running the Community's industrial policy and information technology after four years in charge of internal market, environment and consumer affairs – jobs which have been divided among the two new British Commissioners.

Herr Narjes worked as head of the private office of the late Walter Hallstein in what is now seen nostalgically as the golden early days of the Community. He is a living link with the expansionist days of the European movement and tried hard, with no enormous success, to put his ideals into practice over the past four years.

He admitted that the French lorry drivers who closed the frontier with Italy so dramatically last year had been among his best allies in forcing member states to do something to reduce border formalities.

His new job is one that seems particularly well suited to a West German Commissioner, but he will have to keep a firm control in particular on the steel sector and press hard to win Community-wide agreement on technology.

He is aged 60, married with two children.

The youngest member of the new Commission, Mr Peter Sutherland, has an impressive legal career behind him. He leaves the post of Attorney General of Ireland to take over the legally complex task of running the Community's competitions policy – essentially ensuring fair play in production and marketing by companies operating inside EEC borders.

To give a more human slant to this work he has also been put in charge of the social affairs, education and training dossiers. These are possible subjects which could be given to a commissioner from Spain or Portugal when those two countries join the Community, but they are particularly high-profile tasks at present, given the huge unemployment figures and the growing size of the Social Fund budget.

A member of both the Irish and English bars, Mr Sutherland belongs to the Fine Gael Party, but as he had no seat in the Dail his promotion to Brussels has not resulted in what could be a costly by-election for Dr. FitzGerald.

He is 38, married, with three children.

Tomorrow: The British Commissioners.

Singapore ministers select heir apparent

From Stephen Taylor
Singapore

Singapore's new Cabinet is to be sworn in today, consolidating the transfer of power from Mr Lee Kuan Yew's old guard to his new-wave technocrats.

Despite the shock his People's Action Party had in the December 22 general election, which it won overwhelmingly, but which saw a considerable swing to the Opposition, there have apparently been no second thoughts and the Cabinet list announced on Monday is a clear guide to the leadership succession.

Mr Goh Chok Tong, aged 43, Minister of Defence in the last Cabinet, emerges as front-runner to follow Mr Lee as Prime Minister when he stands down, as he has promised to do in four years. Mr Goh retains the Defence portfolio and has been appointed First Deputy Prime Minister, replacing Mr Goh Keng Swee, who has retired after 25 years as Mr Lee's closest ministerial colleague.

The Cabinet was chosen by the inner circle of seven young ministers groomed by Mr Lee, including Mr Goh's two main rivals for the leadership, Mr Ong Teng Cheong and Mr Tony Tan, and endorsed by the Prime Minister.

Mr Ong, who was appointed Second Deputy Prime Minister, said the choice of Mr Goh had been unanimous: "Barring unforeseen circumstances, he will be the Prime Minister in time to come."

There was only passing reference at a press conference by the seven to Brigadier Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister's son and rising star of Singapore politics. Within days of his election as an MP, Brigadier Lee has been appointed Minister of State for Defence as well as for Trade and Industry where, Mr Goh said, he would be given a year or so to prove himself before possibly being made a full minister.

Youth is the dominant feature of the new Cabinet.

The exception to the trend is Dr Richard Hu. At 58, he was the oldest new candidate fielded by the party.

THE CABINET

Prime Minister: Lee Kuan Yew; Senior Minister (Prime Minister's Office): S. Rajaratnam; First Deputy Prime Minister and Defence: Goh Chok Tong; Second Deputy Prime Minister: Ong Teng Cheong; Law: E. Barker; National Development: Teh Cheang Wan; Foreign Affairs, Community Development: S. Dhanabalan; Finance, Education, Health: Tony Tan; Environment: Ahmad Mattar; Communication and Information: Yeo Ning Hong; Home Affairs: S. Jayakumar; Trade and Industry: Richard Hu.

Jobless to restore concert hall

By Charles Knevitt, Architecture Correspondent

Forty unemployed young people will start work today on restoring the Blackheath Concert Hall, south-east London, as the new home of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies.

The hall was founded by William Webster, a local man, in 1895, along with the neighbouring music conservatoire and art school. The conservatoire still functions and the art school reopened in 1983 after a lapse of more than 40 years.

From 1940 to 1976 the hall was requisitioned by the Government. There was neither the will nor the means to restore it to its proper use. In 1977 it was put up for sale for redevelopment but, after public outcry, the Blackheath Preservation Trust bought it and launched a rescue plan.

The £375,000 first phase, now underway, involves restoring the 200-seat recital room and 80-seat music room. When these reopen in September the principal exterior features, described by Pevsner as "two steep gables with much terra-cotta artycrafty decoration," will also have been restored.

Blackheath Concert Hall, which is being restored as the new home of the National Centre for Orchestral Studies, and the architect's original impression.

The young people doing the work are in the Manpower Services Commission's Community Task Force.

Phase two, which includes restoration of the main hall, seating about 900, will cost about £750,000 and is scheduled for completion in September 1986.

Now the centre will be the main tenant of the restored hall, with room for its rehearsals and performances. Its use will be primarily during day-time and term-time, however, so that more than 40 local community groups can use it for concerts, drama, musicals and dance at other times.

Vietnamese shells crush rebel attacks

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

More than 250 Cambodian guerrillas have been wounded and a number killed in an eight-day battle with Vietnamese and Cambodian Government forces for control of a guerrilla base at Nong Samet near the Thai border.

An official of the Khmer People's National Liberation Front said Vietnamese losses were more than double those suffered by the rebels. Among them, he said, were 40 Vietnamese nurses and medical personnel at Nong Samet.

At least two guerrillas were killed and about 30 wounded yesterday in counter-attacks to dislodge Vietnamese troops from the northern section of Nong Samet which was overrun on Christmas Day. The rebels claim to have recaptured two-thirds of the area.

The counter attacks in the past three days have failed because of the weight of shellfire from Vietnamese guns nine miles to the east. Parts of the Nong Samet camp, which housed 62,000 civilians before the Vietnamese attack drove them into Thailand, now resemble the pulverized fields of Flanders in the First World War.

Guerrilla leaders say that intercepted field radio messages indicate that the Vietnamese forces have been ordered to retreat from Nong Samet because of their casualties and the severity of the counter-attacks.

Western intelligence sources, however, say the Vietnamese will probably withdraw as they have accomplished their objectives. They have destroyed the Nong Samet camp, dispersed the civilian population and made it uninhabitable.

The Vietnamese used similar tactics at the other six bases they knocked out recently and are continuing to shell Ampil, the rebel headquarters and last important base still intact. About 5,000 guerrillas expect an attack at any time.

Vietnamese soldiers have again intruded into Thailand, according to the Thai Army. About 20 were intercepted on Monday by Thai troops near the town of Aranyaprathet. After an exchange of gunfire, they retreated across the border.

● FRONT RUNNER: Cambodia's Foreign Minister, Mr Hun Sen, emerged as the favourite to succeed Chan Si as Prime Minister of the pro-Hanoi Government in Phnom Penh (AFP reports).

Observers noted an announcement by the Cambodian news agency that Mr Hun Sen had been put in charge of funeral arrangements for Mr Chan Si, who died on Monday.

Bangladesh pleads for Biharis

Dhaka (Reuter) – Bangladesh yesterday urged Pakistan to settle the issue of the Bihari community in Bangladesh by allowing the nearly 250,000 Urdu-speaking Muslims to go to Pakistan.

"The stranded Pakistanis are people who had identified their lot with Pakistan and they owe their unqualified allegiance to Pakistan". Mr Humayun Rashid Choudhur, a foreign affairs adviser, told a press conference.

The Biharis, many of whom migrated from Bihar state in India to East Pakistan after partition in 1947, call themselves "stranded Pakistanis" because they sided with Pakistan in the 1971 war

Under a 1973 agreement between India, Pakistan and Bangladesh, just over 121,000 Biharis went to Pakistan.

Beirut races to meet troop talks deadline

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

The Lebanese Government has belatedly started the new year by announcing yet another attempt to send its national army down the coastal highway from Beirut to the Awali river, a plan that is supposed to begin this morning, when gendarmerie of the Internal Security Force set up check-points in the ruined town of Damour.

Mr Rashid Karami, the Prime Minister, has made his usual optimistic remarks about the deployment – twice postponed in the past six weeks – adding that, since the Lebanese were responsible for starting their war, only they could finish it.

His new frankness is going to be needed if the Lebanese army is to complete its deployment south by Saturday, or day before the next and perhaps final round of withdrawal talks between Israel and Lebanon.

If Lebanese troops cannot reach the Awali by Saturday, it is going to be difficult for the Beirut Government to claim that its soldiers can hold the south of the country. Since the Army has lost control of West Beirut yet again, the prospects do not look very bright.

● AMMAN: The Palestine Liberation Organization's chairman, Mr Yassir Arafat, vowed to step up armed struggle against Israel and said Palestinian dialogue with Jordan would continue "with a positive spirit and open heart for joint, co-ordinated moves to confront serious challenges inside and outside the occupied territory" (Reuter reports).

He was marking the 20th anniversary of the first guerrilla attack against Israel.

Sharon lawyers to see secret report

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israeli lawyers acting for both sides in the $50 million (£43 million) libel suit being pursued against *Time* magazine by Mr Ariel Sharon, the former Israeli Defence Minister, are to be permitted to examine the secret annexe to the report on the massacre of Palestinian refugees in west Beirut in 1982.

The decision to accede to the request, submitted from New York by Judge Abraham Sofaer, was taken by a four-member special committee of Israel's National Unity Cabinet headed by Mr Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister.

Until now, neither side has been permitted access to the secret annexe of the report, whose contents lie at the heart of Mr Sharon's accusations against *Time*. The trial has centred on allegations made in the magazine about what the secret section allegedly says about Mr Sharon's activities before the massacre.

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Deng fires a propaganda salvo against fears of return to capitalism

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader, yesterday fired a new year propaganda salvo defending the new direction in which he is taking China and identifying industrial change as the crucial issue for the country in 1985.

Chinese newspapers splashed the text of a key policy speech across their front pages, reassuring old comrades that China would remain socialist while marching towards a new prosperity. "The basic things will be state-owned, publicly owned", the 80-year-old leader said.

But he advocated greater opening to the outside world as part of China's programme to quadruple output and turn itself into an economic power in the 21st century.

Mr Deng said the open policy, designed to attract overseas investment and technology, would not undermine communism. "We cannot fail to open up, the open-door policy cannot harm us", he declared.

"I think some old comrades fear that after they fought all their lives for socialism, for communism, suddenly capitalism is coming back. They can't bear it, they are afraid", he said.

But their fears were baseless. "It is harmless, it is harmless", he said of the open policy. Any bad ideological influences coming in could be dealt with.

China's isolation for nearly 200 years had made the country poor, backward and ignorant. In the 1950s, China had opened up only to the Soviet Union and East Europe and later closed its doors again. As a result, China had made little progress, Mr Deng said.

If China closed its doors again, it would not be able to achieve its target of catching up with the economically developed countries within the next 50 years.

He defended his concept of "one country, two systems" under which Hong Kong will be allowed to retain its capitalist lifestyle when Britain returns the colony to China in 12 years time.

"When we speak of two systems", he said, "it is because the main part of China, with a *population of one billion*, practises socialism. This main part is very large.

"It is under this prerequisite that we allow capitalism to remain in a small part of the country, since it may help develop our socialist economy."

Mr Deng's comments came from a speech made on October 22 to Communist Party elders in the party Central Advisory Commission, which he heads. It was reprinted in a book published yesterday of 22 recent speeches by Mr Deng.

The Communist Party paper, the *People's Daily*, said in a front-page leading article that industrial reform was the key issue of 1985.

● Mr Deng revealed in one of the speeches published yesterday that he personally supervised a crime crackdown launched 18 months ago in which thousands of people were executed.

The total number of people sentenced to death has not been disclosed, but the London-based human rights group, Amnesty International, estimated at least 5,000 died in the first year and some Hong Kong-based lawyers have said they believe as many as 10,000 people had been executed.

China cuts out the midday siesta

The new year holiday gave Peking's public servants one last chance for a noon nap. From Monday the state has halved the two-hour lunch break (Reuter reports from Peking).

Instead of a refreshing midday snooze and work until 6pm the 60,000 officials will have only an hour's break in the middle of the day, then leave their offices at 5pm.

The catnap has been cut partly because the long lunch brought complaints from foreign businessmen seeking contracts, the newspaper *China Daily* said.

Around the Horn: David Hempleman-Adams, a 27-year-old explorer from Bristol, showing the flag after becoming the first person to paddle a canoe round Cape Horn, at the southern tip of South America. He used a specially designed 17ft glass fibre kayak for the 200-mile voyage from Puerto Williams in Chile to Cape Horn island, where he arrived on December 21.

Prisoner hijacks US jet to Cuba

Washington (Reuter) – A man believed to be a murder suspect hijacked a US airliner to Cuba after overpowering his three guards, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The man, of unknown nationality, surrendered to Cuban authorities after the American Airlines DC10 landed in Havana.

The State Department said all 184 remaining passengers and 13 crew were safe. The plane was seized on a flight from the US Virgin Islands to New York.

The hijacker was believed to be a prisoner being taken to New York to stand trial for murder.

A US official had earlier said in Washington that up to four men, all of them prisoners being escorted by armed guards, may have been involved.

New York subway 'hero' gives himself up

New York (Reuter) – An electrical engineer, described as quiet and friendly, has surrendered to police for a crime which thousands of New Yorkers considered a Christmas present: the shooting of four threatening youths on a city subway train.

Mr Bernard Hugo Goetz, aged 37, gave himself up on Monday in Concorde, New Hampshire, where he had fled.

On December 22 a man fitting Mr Goetz's description was confronted on the subway by four black youths, according to witnesses, and when they demanded money he pulled out a silver-plated pistol and shot them.

Three are expected to recover and one is believed to be paralysed for life.

Police set up a special telephone number to get information on the gunman, but were inundated with thousands of calls from New Yorkers who praised the shooting.

But in one call, information was given about Mr Goetz, by someone who said that the self-employed electrical engineer had a gun and had suffered at the hands of muggers. Police began to investigate him and believe he was tipped off about their questioning by a friend.

A senior detective said Mr Goetz was quiet and got on well with the people who lived in his Greenwich Village apartment block, from where he also ran his business.

Bomb blast at home of Malta priest

Valletta (AP) – A bomb went off outside the home of a Roman Catholic priest in the Valleta suburb of Floriana on Monday night, shattering the door and damaging part of the balcony.

No one was injured in the blast, which came less than an hour after Malta's new Prime Minister, Dr Carmelo Mifsud Bonnici, offered a "fair reward" for information leading to the arrest of those responsible for the series of bombings.

It was the twentieth bombing incident since September 25 and the second directed against the Floriana priest, Father Salvino Fenech.

Dr Mifsud Bonnici said the Government would seek to restore good relations with Italy, strained over trade and financial issues, and to reach agreements with the European Community and the Vatican

His administration planned to make every effort to reach a "permanent, long-term agreement" with the Vatican on all matters affecting state and church.

New year messages

Reagan renews his pledge to Berlin

President Reagan told the people of West Berlin yesterday that Washington's commitment to the city would remain unshakable (Reuter reports).

Berlin was a place and a people close to the American heart, he said in a message for the *Berliner Morgenpost* newspaper. The Western allies were Berlin's trustees. "They are in Berlin as sentinels and as reminders that the tragic division of Germany and Europe is not immutable.

The White House released a text of the message in Palm Springs, where the President is spending the holiday period.

● **MOSCOW:** The leadership of the Soviet Union called on the people to increase production, accelerate scientific and technical progress and take care to seek rational exploitation of the country's natural resources (AFP reports).

Attributing international tensions to "aggressive imperialist circles", the Kremlin promised to work with the socialist bloc countries to "improve the political climate of the Earth and save humanity from nuclear holocaust".

● **SANTIAGO:** President Pinochet of Chile said irresponsible opponents had abused his offer of greater political tolerance in 1984, unleashing a wave of violence which had forced him to crack down again (Reuter reports).

The general said the vast majority of Chileans had wanted the government to restore order and supported a state of siege imposed two months ago, which sharply curtails civil liberties.

● **MANAGUA:** President Daniel Ortega of Nicaragua announced he would take "urgent steps" after his inauguration on January 10, including transferring income from tradesmen to workers (AFP reports).

Leaders of the Sadinista-controlled unions have been complaining that speculation and corruption by the country's plethora of small merchants have made food too expensive for workers.

● **KHARTOUM:** President Gaafar Nimeiry of Sudan called on southern rebels to lay down their weapons and join a national dialogue to resolve the conflict (AFP reports).

He linked the guerrillas of the Sudanese People's Liberation Army with Libya and said their relationship would lead the rebels only to "disaster and destruction".

● **CONAKRY:** Guinea has banned private exploitation of diamonds, President Lansana Conte said in his address (Reuter reports).

● **NDJAMENA:** President Hissene Habré of Chad said the recovery of northern Chad from Libya would remain the chief goal in 1985. He denounced Libya's failure to abide by an accord to pull its troops out of Chad as France had done (Reuter reports).

Zimbabwe enforces party code

From Jan Raath
Harare

Investigations have begun to uncover the entrepreneurs within the leadership of Zimbabwe's ruling party, which stands on the principles of Marxist-Leninism.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, said in a television interview that members of the ZANU(PF) Central Committee had been given forms on which to declare their business assets.

It is the first move to implement the party's leadership code, which was adopted at its congress in August.

The code prohibits officials from receiving more than one salary, owning more than 50 acres of land, dealing in property, being a company director and engaging in other forms of business activity.

Mr Mugabe said on Sunday night that some party officials, whom he did not name, had even acquired land since the last congress.

"We are not going to be soft on this one. We are either socialist or not," he said.

Tutu wants dialogue with whites

From Alfred Sayila
Lusaka

Bishop Desmond Tutu has defended his stand against the use of violence to overthrow the apartheid regime in South Africa. In a radio and television interview here, he said he believed there was still a chance to resolve the South African issue amicably, but only if the white administration realized the importance of a dialogue for change with the black majority.

The bishop warned the international community that there was bound to be a bloodbath in South Africa in a few years time, if the whites continued to pay no attention to the plight of the blacks. He said the treaties South Africa was making with some neighbouring African states would not help much if meaningful dialogue was not entered into with the indigenous people.

Talking of his Nobel Peace prize the bishop said it was not an individual achievement but was a recognition of the entire Council of Churches in South Africa opposed to racial discrimination.

Work-to-rule by doctors hits Zambian hospitals

From Our Correspondent, Lusaka

Medical services at the main hospitals in Zambia have almost come to a standstill after a week's work-to-rule by more than 100 junior doctors at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, and those in Ndola and Kitwe on the Copperbelt are demanding better pay and accommodation and other improvements in conditions. They say their action was precipitated by remarks by Mr Mark Tambatamba, the Minister of Health, referring to them as ordinary civil servants who deserved no preferential treatment.

The work-to-rule has brought various essential services at the University Teaching Hospital to a halt

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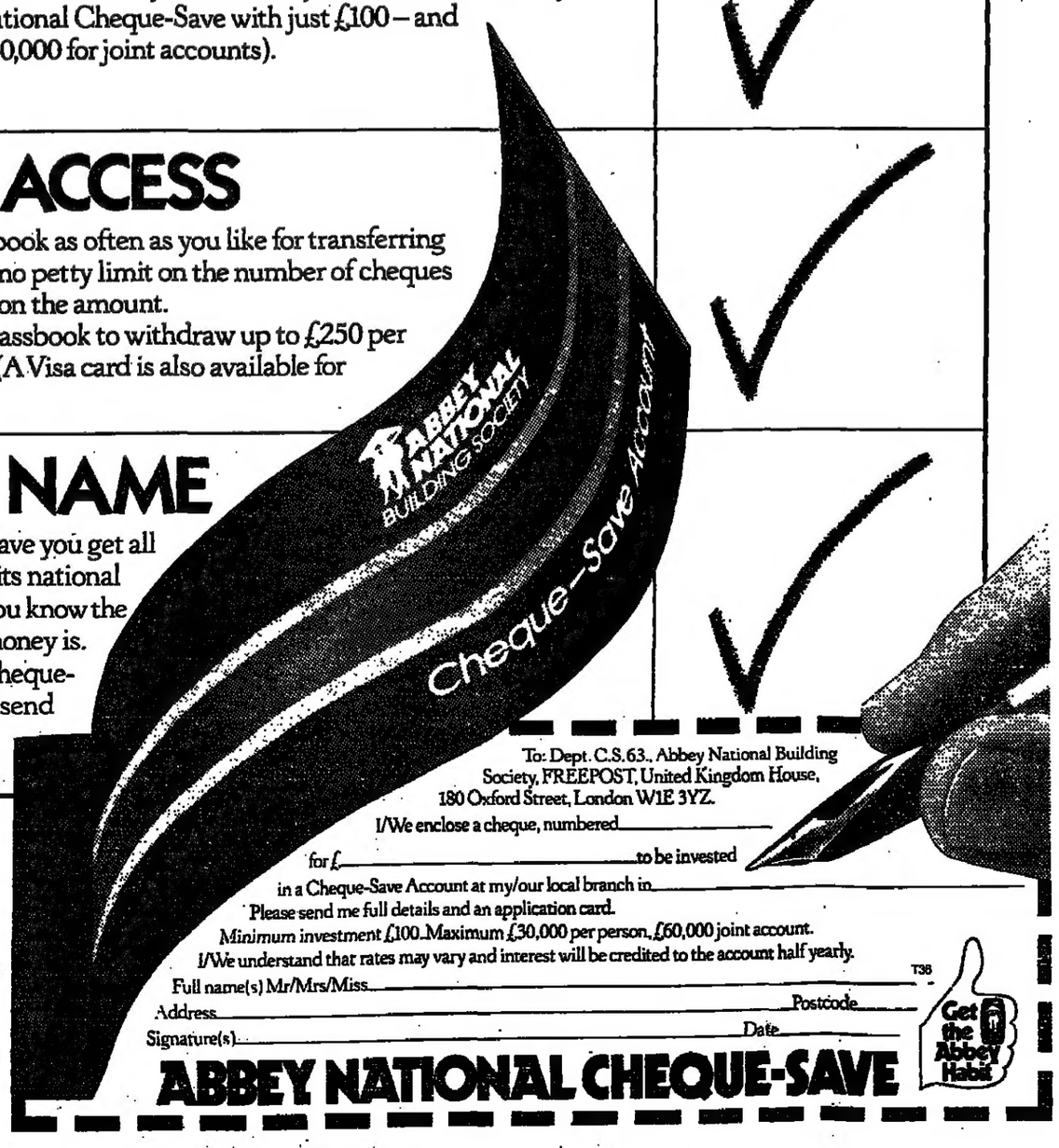

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Gandhi puts emphasis on efficiency and honesty in Cabinet choice

From Michael Hamlyn
Delhi

The newly victorious Prime Minister of India, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, has unanimously been elected leader of the Congress (I) parliamentary party, which yesterday won its 400th seat in the lower house, and promptly sworn in again as Prime Minister. In his acceptance speech he promised a clean political life, and efficiency and honesty in administration.

Then he named and had sworn in his new ministers, among whom there was a plain evident emphasis on financial integrity and technological efficiency.

Pre-eminent among examples of the latter are the Law Minister, Mr Ashoke Sen, a prominent jurist who returned to the post he held under Mr Gandhi's grandfather, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and Mr K. C. Pant, a technologist with an MSc degree and two years of study in West Germany, who becomes Education Minister.

Mr Bansi Lal, though much distrusted by liberals because of his association with Mrs Gandhi's Emergency administrator has a good deal of knowledge of his charge at the Railway Ministry. As chairman of the parliamentary estimates committee he made suggestions for changes in running the indusury.

Mr K. R. Narayanan, Minister of State in the Planning Ministry, is an academic and a senior diplomat, who once studied at the London School of Economics under Harold Laski. Mr V. N. Gadgil, given independent charge of the Information and Broadcasting Ministry as Minister of State, is a former journalist.

The emphasis on financial integrity shows through the appointments of such as Mr Abdul Gafoor as Minister of Works and Housing. Once Chief Minister of Bihar, which may be the most corrupt state in the union, he alone of its chief ministers has managed to preserve an absolutely clean image.

The new Finance Minister, Mr V. P. Singh, has a similar reputation, though as a member of a rich landed aristocratic family it has no doubt been easier for him.

The previous Finance Minister, Mr *Pranab* Mukherjee, finds himself in the cold. His name has been linked with several prominent industrialists, and he is also said to have fallen out with the new Prime Minister.

According to reports in political circles, Mr Mukherjee, flying back to Delhi with Mr Gandhi from West Bengal on the day of the assassination, told him that he (Mukherjee) should be Prime Minister, as the senior man in the cabinet, even if only for an interim period, as after the deaths of Pandit Nehru and Lalbahadur Shastri. Mr Gandhi immediately *marked him down* as too ambitious.

Also dismissed with Mr Mukherjee is the man with whom he has had many public fallings-out, Mr A. B. A. Ghani Khan Chowdhury. Each heads rivel factions of the West Bengal Congress Party, to which their feuding has done considerable harm.

Mr Ghani Khan also had a series of public quarrels with his junior at the Railways Ministry, Mr Jaffar Sharief, who also loses his job.

It seems likely that the ministerial team will be furhter expanded. There are 37 men and three women in the team, but the Prime Minister has reserved to himself a large number of portfolios, including those relating to science, technology, atomic energy and space.

● **PALM SPRINGS:** President Reagan has sent a message to Mr Gandhi, expressing optimism that the United States and India would continue to work closely together (Reuter reports). He called the election victory impressive and extended his "warm congratulations".

● **DELHI:** The Indian Government yesterday impounded the passport of Mr Brahma Chellaney, Delhi correspondent of the US news agency, Associated Press, who is accused of "objectionable reporting" and sedition, according to the Press Trust of India (AFP reports).

Mr Chellaney faces charges for his coverage of developments in Punjab in June. The Supreme Court has granted him anticipatory bail on condition that he cooperates with police in Amritsar in the investigation.

7,000 in Bhopal relief protest

Bhopal (Reuter) – More than 7,000 victims of the gas leak at the Union Carbide plant here blocked traffic for six hours yesterday to protest against delays in welfare payments from the authorities. The leak killed 2,500 people and injured 25,000. Official aid to victims was suspended last week pending an inquiry into who was eligible for it, but a city official told demonstrators that payments would resume tomorrow as the investigation had been completed.

The ministers and their portfolios

Mr Gandhi's Cabinet members, with their portfolios:

Prime Minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi; **Works and Housing**, Mr Abdul Gafoor; **Law and Justice**, Mr Ashoke Sen; **Irrigation and Power**, Mr B. Shankaranand; **Railways**, Mr Bansi Lal; **Agriculture and Rural Development**, Mr Buta Singh; **Parliamentary Affairs**, Mr H. K. L. Bhagat; **Education**, Mr K. C. Pant; **Health and Family Welfare**, Mrs Mohsina Kidwai; **Defence and temporary charge of Planning**, Mr P. V. Narasimha Rao; **Food and Civil Supplies**, Mr Rao Birendra Singh; **Home**, Mr S. B. Chavan; **Steel, Mines and Coal**, Mr Vasant Sathe; **Chemicals and Fertilizers**, Mr Veerendra Patil; **Finance**, Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh.

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Women and Social Welfare, Mrs Maragatham Chandrashekhar; **Petroleum**, Mr Nawal Kishore Sharma; **Communications**, Mr Ram Niwas Mirdha; **Labour**, Mr T. Anjiah; **Information and Broadcasting**, Mr V. N. Gadgil; **Shipping and Transport**, Mr Z. R. Ansari.

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Germans turn on to satellite television

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

With the first television broadcast from the private satellite SAT 1, West Germany yesterday ushered in a new and controversial development in broadcasting. It comes a year after the start of cable television and a few weeks after the failure of all parties to draw up a new broadcasting charter.

The operating company estimates that about 250,000 viewers initially will be able to receive the programme, which is transmitted by cable from a satellite receiver. By the end of the year it is hoping for a million viewers.

The Satellite Broadcasting Company is a consortium of 10 programme producers, drawn mainly from publishing, who will finance the output by advertising. Its headquarters are in Ludwigshafen, the industial Rhine town where cable television began, a pilot project a year ago.

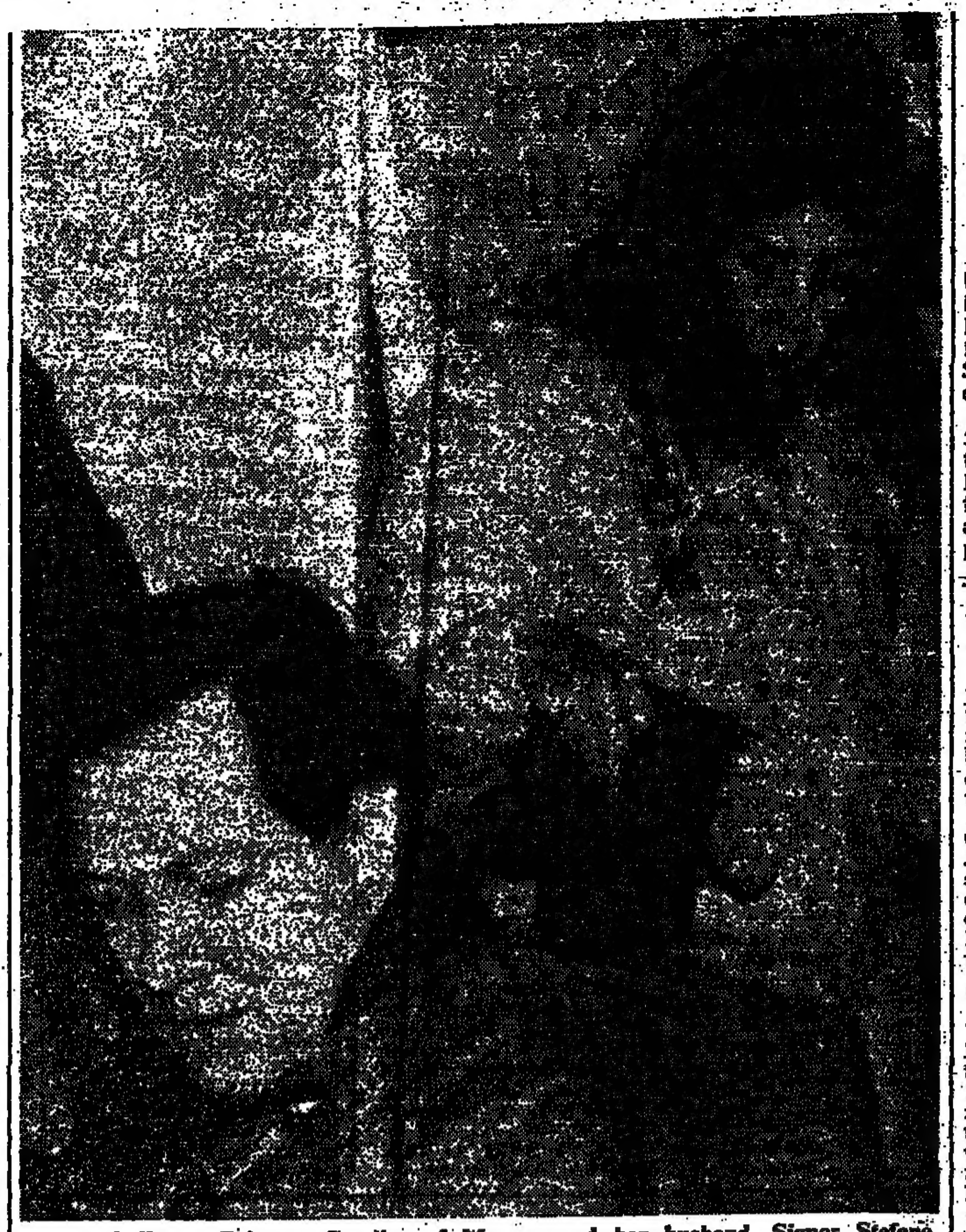
Programmes will include three daily news broadcasts, prepared by a Hamburg television news agency, which will compete with the two main bulletins on the state-controlled networks.

Leading politicians yesterday welcomed the new station. Herr Bernhard Vogel, Christian Democrat premier of Rhineland-Palatinate, called it a great step forward for business, technology and viewers, and said it would ensure greater freedom of opinion. Herr Klaus von Dohnanyi, Social Democrat Mayor of Hamburg, hoped it would lead to more entertainment and information.

The satellite consortium is seen as an important attempt to preempt the threat of competition by international satellite companies relying largely on American-made films and shows. More than 80 per cent of programmes from some participating companies will be produced in Germany.

The satellite programme, which opened yesterday to the strains of Dvořák and Verdi, will broadcast 12 hours a day from 1pm.

For more than a year the governments of Germany's federal states have been arguing over a new charter to regulate broadcasting. The Social Democrats have been at odds with the Christian Democrats, however, and dispite arduous attempts to find a compromise to suit all the *Länder*, a draft treaty was rejected last month by Hesse, which is governed by the SPD.



Royal challenge: Princess Caroline of Monaco and her husband, Signor Stefano Casiraghi, before leaving Versailles yesterday on the first leg of the Paris-Dakar rally.

Fishing ban raises spectre of starvation for Tamils

From Trevor Fishlock, Jaffna

The Sri Lankan Government's ban on fishing in the mainly Tamil north of the island, as part of its war against Tamil separatists, is causing great hardship and threatening thousands of people with starvation, church and fishing community leaders say.

The Roman Catholic Church is trying to feed fishing villages in the north.

Fishing has been prohibited for a month, the Government saying it needs a no man's land around the coast from Mannar in the west to Mullaitivu in the east, to prevent an invasion from India.

The ban is hurting the fishing communities which catch about two-fifths of Sri Lanka's fish and get about seven-tenths of their protein from fish. The Vicar-General of Jaffna said it was difficult to apply for Government relief because of the complex bureaucracy and problems of transport permits and fuel.

***In greater Jaffna alone,* he said, 3,000 families are not getting enough to eat. "I have been watching them deteriorate. Another month of this and you will see a disaster."**

With a lawyer who picked a route to avoid the dreaded Army patrols I drove to the fishing village of Myliddy, 12 miles from Jaffna. It has 1,550 fishing families and is usually relatively prosperous. Today many people are destitute and many have sold jewellery, the family treasure, to by food.

The parish priest said the Church was buying second grade rice to give families one or two meals a day. The Government has not issued a lorry permit and supplies are brought in by a driver taking a chance.

One fisherman, Aruna Salam, who has four children, said his wife had sold everything for food, but the family was going hungry on its diet of bread and rice. "It is just a question of survival", he said. "And it is not just the fishermen who are hit by the ban, but all the other people who depend on the fishing industry."

Another man told me he was scrounging enough fuel for his outboard engine to make his escape to India that night in his 17ft open boat. He would take his wife and four children, including a baby of four months.

"It is 32 miles and the sea is rough. There are also the Navy patrol boats. But it is worth the risk. Four others have got out by boat from here. It is a matter of escaping starvation as well as fear. We cannot sleep easily at night, and in the day the troops stop their Jeeps and point guns at us."

The priest said: "The soldiers terrorize. They steal jewellery from women and go into houses to harass people. Children cannot get to school easily because of the transport problem, and, in any case, parents do not like them to go out."

On the main street I saw a woman selling a fish. Someone had taken a risk in catching it with a hook and line in the prohibited area. The fish was cut up into small pieces and was selling for six rupees for a two-ounce lump, about four times the normal price. A fisherman said: "There aren't many people left here who can afford it. And as you can tell, it is old and stinking."

Three days ago the citizen's committee of the village of Mathagal sent a letter to the bishops of Sri Lanka saying that "under the guise of fighting the so-called terrorism, the Government has unleashed punishment and cruel and inhuman torture on the Tamil people".

It went on: "In an army search of December 11, 37 youths were reported missing from a section of our village. Three were shot to death when they (tried to hide), two have not been traced, seven are in Army camps, 10 have been sent to Boosa Camp (a notorious interrogation and holding centre), and 15 have been released."

A human rights group in Sri Lanka is collecting a mass of evidence of Army brutality. I have seen some of the files. In one affidavit, a student aged 19 says he was picked up by soldiers in Jaffna in May, taken to an Army camp and beaten with weighted plastic pipes on his body and head. Then, he says, a python was brought and its head thrust into his mouth while its body tried to coil around him.

I met a woman called Agnes who was trying to trace her son, aged 20. He was seized by soldiers in Jaffna on December 14 while in the company of a teacher. She had been to an Army camp to look for him, but the soldiers said her son was not there. Now she was in a lawyer's office, seeking help.

The lawyer had her sworn statement and put it into a folder. He pointed to a cupboard. "On these shelves alone I have 500 files, all dealing with missing boys", he said.

Politician shot dead in Basque country

Madrid. – Basque terrorists killed a local politician and businessman on New Year's Eve as he was celebrating with friends in a bar in Azcoitia, near San Sebastian. *His* killers escaped (Richard Wigg writes).

José Larranaga Arenas, aged 58, who received four bullets in the face, had been head of Franco's National Movement for Guipúzcoa province. He had already suffered injuries in two previous attempts on his life.

Ex-wife must be repaid

San Francisco (Reuter) – A woman who worked to help pay for her husband to attend medical school won a court battle here in her claim for compensation from him after the breakup of their marriage.

The Supreme Court of California ruled in favour of Janet Sullivan, who has claimed she should be repaid for contributing towards the education of her then husband Mark. A lower court will decide the amount.

'Times' honour

Paris (Reuter) – France honoured Mr Charles Hargrove, former Paris correspondent of *The Times*, on the day the newspaper celebrated its bicentenary. Mr Hargrove, aged 62, was promoted from "chevalier" to officer of the Legion of Honour.

Peru attack

Ayacucho, Peru (AP) – Maoist Shining Path guerrillas burst into the small Andean town of Huayhuas firing submachine guns and pistols and killing 12 people in the latest attack on government-organized peasant patrols.

Oldest gorilla

Philadelphia (AFP) – Massa, said to be the oldest gorilla in captivity, died at the zoo here a few hours after his 54th birthday. His last meal was a giant ice cream with bananas, grapes and apples, topped with whipped cream.

Detainees free

Bangui (AFP) – The military Government of Central African Republic said it was freeing 53 *political detainees in a new year* amnesty. They include leaders of banned political parties placed under house arrest up-country.

Family surprise

Avignon (AFP) – An 82-year-old American grandmother gave her family and 100 American guests a surprise at a New Year's Eve party here by jumping out of an eight-tier cream cake.

Clinic bombed

Washington (AP) – A bomb exploded in an abortion clinic in Washington, causing the roof to collapse and extensive damage. Nobody was hurt.

Shenouda back

Cairo (Reuter) – President Mubarak ordered the release of Pope Shenouda III, aged 62 (above), the spiritual leader of Egypt's estimated six million Copts, who was stripped of his temporal powers and banished to a desert monastery by the late President Sadat. He *resumed his duties yesterday.*

Lower speeds

Geneva (AP) – Switzerland reduced the speed limit outside cities from *62 mph to 50 mph* and ordered drivers on super highways not to exceed 75 mph. New road taxes also took affect yesterday.

Film ban defied

Geneva – The erotic film *Emmanuelle* appeared after all on some Swiss TV screens early yesterday despite an official ban. A pirate station, Zuri Welle, put it out "to strike a blow at the moralists".

Five killed in Namibia bomb blast

From Ray Kennedy
Johannesburg

Five civilians were killed and 15 injured by a bomb in a crowded post office at Ondangua in northern Namibia (South West Africa) on Monday.

The authorities have blamed the South West African People's Organization (Swapo), and it was reported here yesterday that Mr Sail Nujoma, the Swapo leader, had said in Tunis that the organisation did not deny responsibility.

Ten days ago Major-General George Meiring, commander of the South West Africa Territory Force (SWATF), said that Swapo was *preparing* its annual summer offensive from Southern Angola into Namibia.

Terror gang blamed for embassy attack

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

The Government and opposition condemned a bomb attack on a French Embassy *building* on Monday night, the eleventh in a series of terrorist attacks on allied military targets in West Germany in the past two weeks.

No one was hurt in the blast, which caused considerable damage to a building housing the military offices of the French Embassy here, windows were shattered and the caretaker's flat destroyed. A woman caller warned the caretaker and inhabitants near by just before the explosion.

Police assume the attack was the work of the extreme left-*wing Red Army Faction, which* claimed responsibility for earlier attacks on American installations. So far they have no clues, but believe the faction, until recently thought to be virtually beaten, is mounting a new capaign to support the demand by its imprisoned leaders to be held together.

The French military office handles co-operation with the West German Ministry of Defence in the technical field. It is about two miles from the main embassy complex.

Bonn condemned the attack and others directed at a Nato training school, and American radio installation and other allied targets. A spokesman said American and French soldiers guarnateed West Germany's *freedom, and this partnership* would not be harmed by bomb attacks.

Iran says seven died in air raids by Iraq

Bahrain (AP, Reuter) – Iraqi aircraft bombed border villages in the Iranian province of Ilam yesterday, wounding seven people. Irna, the official Iranian news agency reported.

The agency, monitored here, said the Iraqi air raids were directed against the town of Salehabad and the villages of Ghalan and Ein-Khosh. Iraqi air raids on Sunday and Monday had killed 10 people and wounded more than 100 others in the southern Iranian oil province of Khuzistan, according the earlier Iranian war communiqués.

Iran and Iraq ended 1984 as firmly at war as ever, with Iran threatening to block the entrance to the Gulf.

In Tehran, Mr Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iran's defence spokesman, said: "We will really close the Strait of Hormuz (the narrow entrance to the Gulf), it's not that difficult to close."

He did not say what would lead Iran to do so, but Iranian leaders have said in the past that Iran would close the strait if Iraq succeeded in blocking Iranian oil exports.

Mr Rafsanjani, addressing army commanders and quoted by IRNA, conceded that the war had cost his country dear.

Japan lifts sanctions against North Korea

From David Watts, Tokyo

Japan yesterday lifted its sanctions against North Korea, clearing the way for what promises to be a year of positive changes in the Korean penin*sula in which Tokyo may* play a role.

Sanctions were imposed on North Korea, which has no diplomatic relations with Japan, after the Rangoon bombing which killed four South Korean ministers and 15 others in 1983. Trade was curtailed and Japanese diplomats were forbidden to have any contact with North Korean counterparts, even at functions.

Social contacts may be resumed and a new fishing pact has been concluded after a lapse of two years without an agreement. But more important, it seems likely that 1985 will see a visit by a North Korean delegation, invited by the Japan Socialist Party.

The Government has said the North Koreans will be acceptable if they are led by the new head of the North Korea-Japan Friendship Association, Mr Kim U Jong. He is also a ranking member of the Korean Workers' Party and of the Supreme People's Congress.

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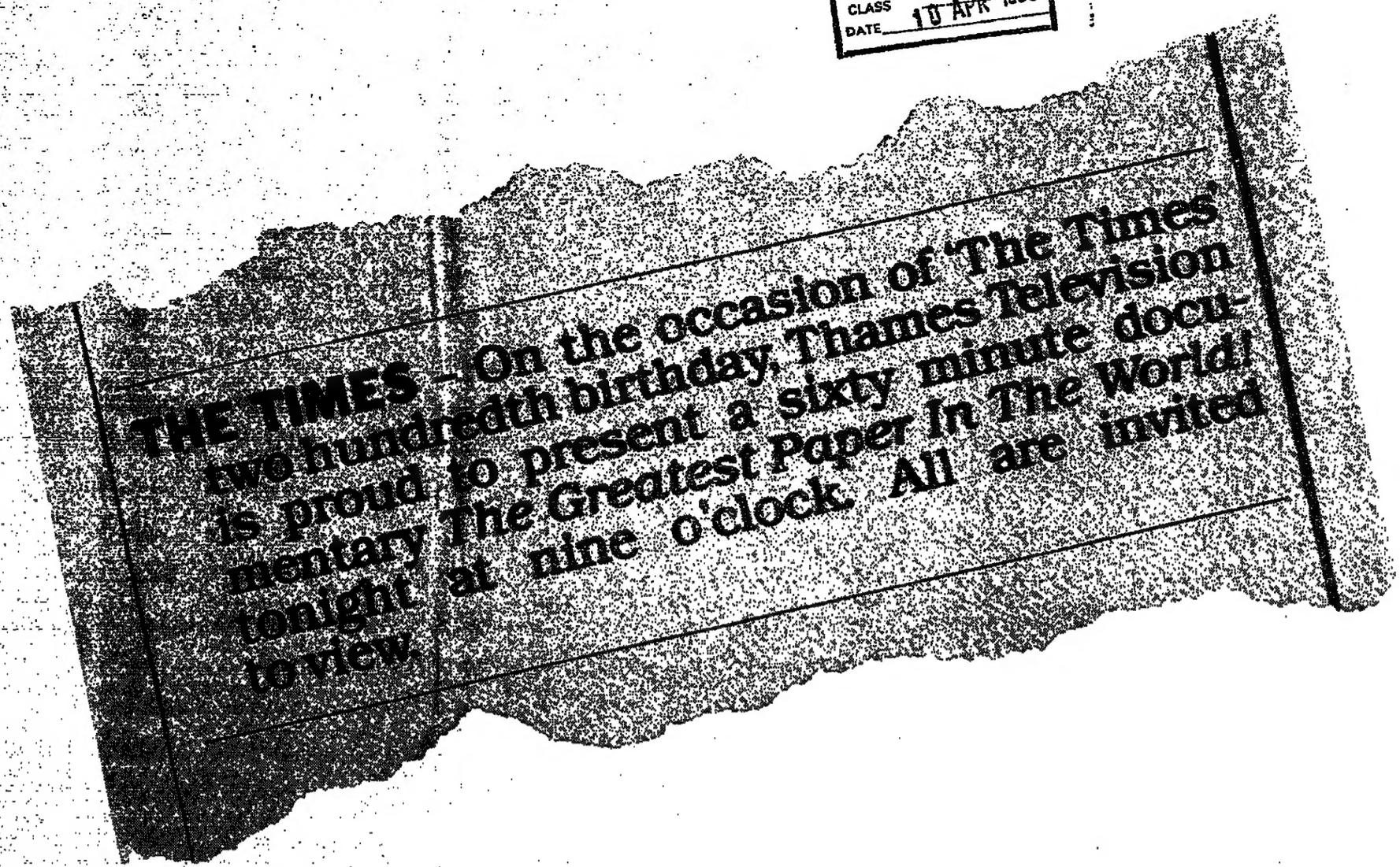
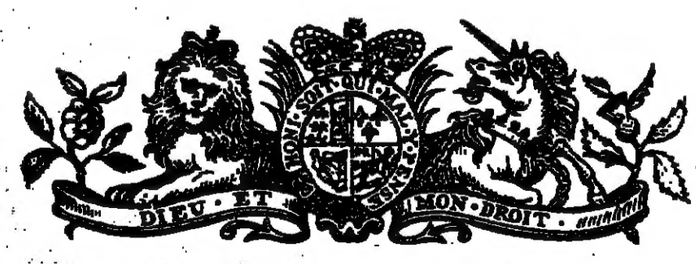


Yesterday marked the two hundredth birthday of 'The Times', the most famous newspaper in the world. Tonight at nine, Thames Television presents a fascinating documentary chronicling the illustrious but chequered history of 'The Thunderer'.

The programme follows 'The Times' fortunes from its early beginnings in 1785 to its role in the Fleet Street of the 1980s, including extensive archive film, comment from top correspondents, politicians, editorial staff and academics - plus an exclusive interview with its present owner, the controversial Rupert Murdoch. An incisive and entertaining insight into the background of a newspaper that many still regard as an impregnable British institution.



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THE TIMES 1785-1985

A television team spent six months filming the history of The Times for tonight's programme. However, 30 hours of film ended up on the cutting room floor. Literary Editor Philip Howard rescued the best of the surplus interviews

Past editors of The Times (from left): Thomas Barnes, John Thadeus Delane, Thomas Chenery, G. E. Buckle, Henry Wickham Steed, Geoffrey Dawson, Robert Barrington-Ward, William Casey, Sir William Haley, Sir William Rees-Mogg, Harold Evans

As the paper of record, *The Times* is the nearest thing that we have, on this side of the heavenly News Desk, to the Recording Angel. As such, it records its own history in its Archives and Intelligence Department, in its secret book *recording who wrote which* leader and in its biographical files on *Times* men and *Times* women.

For the past six months outside eyes have been examining the secrets of *The Times* for the Thames Television programme that will be shown tonight at 9 pm. Producer Robert Fleming, presenter Tony Lee and their team of artists, researchers and technicians have impressed even laid-back *Times* hacks by the pains they have taken to get things right. They have also impressed us by the exorbitant wastefulness of television. Their crews have been around the building, the United Kingdom, and the world filming *The Times* at work. More than 30 hours of oral history of *The Times* have ended up on the cutting-room floor.

The material stretches back more than 60 years to what it was like to work for Northcliffe and why *The Times* tried to appease Hitler. It is a wicked waste to let such history, not recorded elsewhere, vanish off the face of the earth. So here, rescued from oblivion, are some of the cuts that you will not see in the film tonight. The self-effacing questioner is Robert Fleming.

The Arts Editor
WILLIAM A. JOHN LAWRENCE

Curriculum Temporum: Born 1901. Joined *Times* City Office 1919; News Room and reporter 1923; war service 1939; resumed 1945 covering entertainments news with Home sub-editing; in charge of the Arts 1950.

Lawrence: Northcliffe had a sense of humour, but it was an odd one. It's like most people so far removed from everyday life. When they try to become normal they don't get it right. I remember him asking his secretary to bring him a book of reference. When the young man brought it, Northcliffe said: "Down on your knees, man. Is that the way to hand a book to a Noble Lord?"

Question: Northcliffe eventually went insane, didn't he?

Lawrence: Yes: one sign of it was that he became convinced that the paper was full of nepotism. So he ordered that anybody who had a relation on *The Times* had to be sacked. He kept on sending messages that so-and-so was to be sacked. The management tried to protect these new arrivals, but they were held back anyway; their seams were poisoned.

Northcliffe was personally a generous man; very generous. Yet this was a time when *The Times* was immensely parsimonious. We never talked about money. It was not considered gentlemanly. If you were hungry, well, go hungry. You work for *The Times*; that's more important than food.

There was this chap, who had worked for *The Times* for some time, and he broke the rule. He said to one of his colleagues: "Does one get paid for working here?" The colleague said: "By God, haven't you had anything yet?" "No". "Well, you had better go and see the Manager." So he went to see the Manager. Manager, full of understanding: "Of course, dear boy. How long have you been here? Some months? Well, you go down and get something from the cashier."

Years later this *Times* man had become a tetchy old man, still grotesquely underpaid. So he plucked up courage to go to ask the Manager for a rise. Manager's name was Lint Smith. Lint Smith began his usual routine: "We'd love to give you more money. You deserve it, and you're top of the list. The moment we come out of the red, you shall have some more money." Fiery old boy burst out: "Forgive me sir; I thought I was speaking to Mr Lint Smith. It is clear I made a mistake; you must be Mr Skinflint Smith. Good day to you, Sir."

Question: Were there women on the staff?

Lawrence: When I joined, there were just two women. They were quite terrified. One old leader writer was convinced that the women were bringing in these new-fangled machines called typewriters. So he complained to the Manager: "I refuse to work here any longer. The noise of typewriters. Impossible to think. Come in and listen." So the Manager went into his very solid room in Printing House Square, and said, "I can't hear a thing." "By God", said the leader writer, "put your ear to the wall, and you will."

Question: What was the atmosphere like in old Printing House Square?

Lawrence: Very much like a gentlemen's club. We never bothered about what the other papers said. One of the sub-editors was translating Homer into Chinese. Several young chaps, including Graham Greene, were writing novels. It was a good staff. We could have produced a better paper without the Editor. It's a bit like the Civil Service: we'd have a better Government if only the civil servants were allowed to run it.

Question: What about the Arts Pages in the old days?

Lawrence: A. B. Walkley was the great drama critic. Wrote very quickly, very elegantly: man of the world. Came back one night to his room to write his notice of the play he had seen. You could run up to 2 am in those days. But this night he was running late, so the Chief Sub-Editor sent a messenger to ask whether Mr Walkley would mind parting with his copy a sheet at a time. He agreed, and sent it down sheet by sheet. On the last sheet he wrote that he could not do justice to the play, because fire had broken out, and the last act had never been given.

On the following day Editor Geofrey Dawson wrote him an old-fashioned *Times* letter: "Dear Mr Walkley, It would have been of the greatest convenience to *The Times* if, on your coming into the office from the play last night, you had taken the trouble to mention that the theatre was on fire." Walkley wrote back at once: "Dear Mr Editor, You mistake my employment. I am your drama critic, not your news hawk."

The Foreign Correspondent
LOUIS PHILIP HEREN

Curriculum Temporum: Born 1919; joined *Times* as messenger boy; Foreign Correspondent and War Correspondent 1947; American Editor 1960; Foreign and Deputy Editor 1970; Associate Editor 1981.

Heren: It was a very paternalistic organization. Astor regarded us much as he regarded his tenants. It was very much a Top People's Paper, and the Editor was God. When I started as a messenger, my job was to stand outside the front door every morning at 11. When I saw the Editor's Rolls turn round the corner, I had to signal to the commissionaire, who would bring down the lift, and have the door open, and salute. Another boy would be waiting in the lift to take the Editor up.

Question: What sort of people worked on the paper in those days?

Heren: Strictly divided between gentlemen and players. The gentlemen were the editors and leader writers. The players were the reporters. The reporters' room was far too small. There were no individual desks. Just long benches, like tailors' benches, made by the *The Times* carpenter. Not enough typewriters to go round. Not enough telephones. It was feudal, but amiable. For the Hever Castle outing in the summer, six special trains were laid on from Victoria Station.

Former Editor
WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Curriculum Temporum: Born 1928; joined *Times* as Editor 1967-81.

Rees-Mogg: John Thadeus Delane was the man who really created *The Times* in its great Victorian institutional form. He was a very serious journalist; more effective than Barnes. He created the idea of *The Times* as a great national institution, with authority, with responsibility, with accuracy. He wrote very little himself. But he read every word before it appeared in the paper. Almost everybody who was anybody in British politics wrote for *The Times* at one time or another during his editorship. And he also had superb professional correspondents like Russell and Blowitz.

He did not always get things right. *The Times* was wrong at the beginning of the Crimean War, and it was wrong throughout the American Civil War. But its power was enormous. With the diversity of the modern media it is inconceivable that any editor of *The Times* should ever have that power again. It is as though you were to combine the influence of the editors of half Fleet Street with Robin Day and Alastair Burnet, and allow them total freedom of opinion and judgement. It was an extraordinay position of power.

Question: Why is *The Times* attacked about Appeasement?

Rees-Mogg: *The Times* was in favour of the attempt by negotiation to satisfy the demands of the dictators, particularly Hitler, and to try to get peace in that way. The policy was influenced very strongly by Robin Barrington-Ward, who had fought in the trenches in the First World War and had a horror of ever exposing young Englishmen to those sort of conditions again; and by Dawson, who was convinced that Britain should stay close to the Commonwealth and keep out of European wars. The British people wanted Appeasement in the Thirties.

I think that the correct view to take of Appeasement is that it was a mistaken policy, which was pursued by honourable men for highly honourable reasons.

Former Editor
HAROLD MATTHEW EVANS

Curriculum Temporum: Born 1928; joined *Times* as Editor 1981-2.

Thomas Barnes was indisputably the finest English Editor we have ever had. He is the Editor I tried to model myself on. He was a cheerful, robust man. In fact, so robust that some of the Diehard Tories, the present right wing of the Conservative Party, let it be known that they had gangs of ruffians waiting to beat him over the head as he walked over Blackfriars Bridge at night for his supper. So Barnes used to carry a big cudgel, which he said was to beat Tories with.

He was a great character, Bohemian, lived with his devoted mistress. Once for a bet he swam from the Apothecaries' Garden in Chelsea to Westminster Bridge. A great bull of a man, he was John Bull in many ways: and a brilliant writer too. He said that it is no good giving an Englishman little drams of information: you have got to fire ten-pounders into his brain before he begins to understand what the row is about. He was a very anonymous, fascinating, rumbustious, genius.

When I went into *The Times*, I thought of Thomas Barnes first. *The Times* is often thought of as a very conservative paper of the status quo, run by greybeards, the Black Friars. Barnes was the opposite of all that. He was a radical. He was not a solemn man, but he was a serious man, because he seriously questioned power.

That seemed to me to be the role that *The Times* should be playing today when I took over. I did not think that it should automatically be a Conservative Party newspaper. I thought it should return to the Barnes tradition of being a questioning paper, a reporting paper, and a radical paper asking for change. And I though it should not confuse solemnity and seriousness. It should be serious about what is going on in the country.

I give you a small example. We had an exclusive report that the Government had suppressed the news that children were being poisoned by the lead in petrol. Some of my colleagues thought that this was not really a story that *The Times* should be bothering about. But I had this image of Barnes scribbling in his room about the abuse of children in factories: and I was not averse to campaigning in *The Times*. To judge from some of the letters I got while I was Editor, this was considered outrageous. *The Times* should support the Government of the day, they said, and not cause ripples. Of course Barnes would have taken his great stick to that idea.

The Defence Correspondent
ALUN ARTHUR GWYNNE JONES, BARON CHALFONT

Curriculum Temporum: Born 1919; joined *Times* as Defence Correspondent 1961-4

William Haley was one of the great Editors. I think he did a number of things for *The Times*. The first was to insist upon certain standards of journalistic excellence, not least in the use of language. He was very fierce about solecism. And he was, of course, a man who had a very, very strong moral centre to everything he believed. He was the last of the great thundering *Times* Editors: the sort of man to whom Prime Ministers pay great attention.

Question: What was it like working for *The Times*?

Chalfont: Well, the pay, of course, was negligible. Even coming from the Army, as I did, and what I thought was a state approximating to destitution, I had to take a cut in income to become Defence Correspondent of *The Times*. But it didn't really matter. *The Times* in those days was the exciting concept of a national institution that had an effect on government policies and on the political thinking of the country. To join *The Times* was an enormous excitement and a great privilege.

On my first day at Printing House Square, I met a man in full court dress. He was Dermot Morrah, who was then the Court Correspondent. And that morning he had been to a Court function, and come straight into the office in his court dress to write his piece. But for a moment I thought that this was the way that all *Times* correspondents were expected to dress for work.

I once went with a crowd of defence and military correspondents from other newspapers to some military manoeuvres. I found that the organizers had laid on a special car for the Defence Correspondent of *The Times*, and a special boat to take him to the embarkation point. The other journalists were expected to go off in their buses and barges to the manoeuvres. The gentleman from *The Times* was supposed to observe them in separate and lonely state.

I have to tell you that I declined this special treatment. Largely this was because a gentleman called Chapman Pincher from the *Daily Express* was present; and I think he would have done me physical harm if I had accepted.

There was a time when *The Times* would be placed on the breakfast table of the Prime Minister; and it would affect the way that the Prime Minister thought and acted during the day. Now I do not think that any newspaper has that impact.

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Seven ways to make a turkey trot

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Hundreds of years ago the first colonists arrived in America and found a bird running round going gobble gobble gobble. Shortly thereafter the colonists were going gobble gobble and even more shortly thereafter one of the great problems of the modern world was born: What do you do with left-over turkey?

In the case of the early Americans the answer was, quite simply, to leave it all behind and move on to discover Oklahoma, but that isn't a practicable answer in a crowded island like Britain. So we in the Moreover Laboratories have been working over the Christmas period on a few new solutions to this age-old problem. Your worries are now over. Go and get that carcass and get to work!

Play Scrabble with a difference – it's the exciting new game

1. Play Turkey Scrabble: This exciting new word game is played more or less like ordinary Scrabble, except using pieces of turkey instead of word tiles. Cut remaining turkey meat into cubes, and paint a letter on each one, with edible dye. Now carry on using normal Scrabble rules, with this difference: after each turn you are allowed to eat one letter that you don't want! And at the end of the game everyone has to eat the letters they are left with.

2. Exercise time: Do you remember Indian clubs, those long thin things our ancestors used to swing round their heads to keep fit, in the days before they had invented Jane Fonda and aerobics? Well, that can be pretty hard work as you'll know if you've ever tried to swing Jane Fonda round your head. So why not give Indian clubs another go?

Simply take as many whole turkey legs as you can find and give them two coats of varnish. Then start swinging! If you're not sure how to do it, send up for our new booklet: "Mummy, why is Daddy waving turkey legs round his head?".

3. Wedding Accessories: It's fun throwing confetti at weddings, but have you ever stopped to think what murder it is for the vicar to clean the stuff afterwards? Did you know that the average length of lead needed for a vacuum cleaner to stretch to the churchyard from that awkward plug by the altar is *eighty-nine feet*?

This year give the Rev a break. Use turkey meat instead. Simply mince the turkey up very small until you have bags of light, white crumbs and throw them over the lucky pair, confident in the knowledge that it will all be licked up afterwards by grateful birds, dogs, foxes and badgers.

DIY yuletide soup kit for sending to relatives in New Zealand

4. Going Sailing: Did you know that the turkey's bone structure is almost identical with the basic hull shape of the old Humberside fishing yawl? Yes, interesting, isn't it? And what that means is that with the addition of a few masts and sails you can go out sailings model boats with a difference. You may have to caulk the seams, or tar and pitch it, or just sew up the rents made by Grandpa's carving, but basically what you have is a facsimile of a genuine old East Coast vessel.

Don't worry if it sinks first time. That's what usually happened to the old Humberside fishing yawl, too.

5. Overseas Food Parcel: If there is some relation in New Zealand you've forgotten this Christmas – and let's face it, there's bound to be – just send off your turkey carcass to them together with our leaflet: "Old-fashioned Turkey Soup Yule Do-It-Yourself Kit".

6. Gift Time: If you have some poor child in your family with a birthday in the first half of January, who normally just gets pillow slips from the January sales, give them a turkey carcass this year. But this time slip on one of our handy printed labels: "Jonathan Miller's Pop-Up-Guide to Bird's Anatomy".

7. Vanishing Trick: If all else fails, just put a sign outside your door saying: "'Grand Turkey Clearance Sale – Everything Half Price". You'll be suprised how many people there are who had goose, trout or nut roast for a change this year and are absolutely longing for a taste of turkey.

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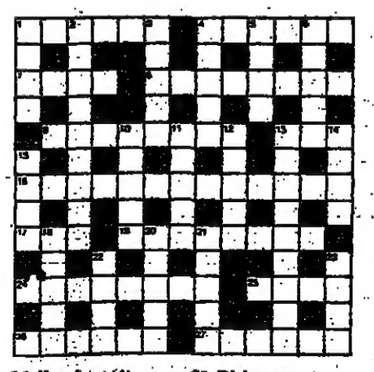

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A dandy time for girls

Cross-dressing swept into the Brave New World of 1984 on the tailored back and close-cropped head of pop singer Annie Lennox. Boy George's make-up completed the picture. But historian Aileen Ribeiro reveals that this fashion revolution is really nothing new

The sight of young male punks in coloured, crested hair, earrings, and skirts over tight trousers – the latest manifestation of the Englishman, in Nashe's phrase, as "the continuall masquer of outlandish habliments" – can be somewhat startling to the tourist.

Especially those used to the western European tradition since the Middle Ages of a clear differentiation in dress between the sexes.

Before that time, inherited from classical civilization, men and women dressed more or less alike, in long gowns and enveloping mantles. Only barbarian men were distinguished by their trousers, something no civilized Roman would have contemplated. To the modern eye, only the soldier or man of action would be obviously masculine in dress. The satirist Juvenal pours scorn on would-be Amazonian women wearing male armour – helmet, armguards, thigh-pieces – for such things as fencing.

'The East was thought to have inspired effeminacy in fashion'

The Christian contribution towards the morality of dress was to inculcate a sense of shame at any attempts to wear the dress of the opposite sex. It is forbidden in the Bible (Deuteronomy XXII,5).

Although it seems to us that, until the mid-14th century, men and women continued to wear fairly similar long gowns, to contemporary chroniclers there were clear distinctions between what was acceptable for men and for women. At the end of the 14th century we hear complaints of young men who "grow their hair long like girls, with locks well combed, glancing about them and winking in ungodly fashion", and who "love to deck themselves in long over-tight skirts".

The East (often the whipping boy for supposedly over-luxurious and decadent styles) was thought to inspire effeminacy in dress, such as a lavish use of embroidery of tight-fitting gowns – English crusaders were forbidden to wear tightly laced tunics.

From the mid-14th century onwards, breeches and trousers began to be a distinguishing part of male dress; long-skirted garments remained for official and ceremonial dress.

The deeply rooted strain of theatricality in the English character (common indeed in northern Europe generally), found expression both in wearing female clothing on such anarchic and pagan occasions as the feast of Fools, New Year celebrations, carnival and masquerade; and in exaggerated quasi-feminine fashionable dress. There were the macaronis in the 1770's with their tightly-fitting, brightly coloured suits and bouquets, and dandies some 50 years later with their padded and corsetted torsos, and wide, flaring trousers.

The documented cases of men adopting female dress *in toto*, are fairly rare, as indeed are those of women wearing male dress. Individual elements of masculine dress have, from at least the 16th century, been assimilated into the female wardrobe, without too much comment, the male doublet in the Elizabethan period, and the suit in the 18th century which women turned into a skirted riding habit.

Women, following their men to war, adopted for obvious practical reasons, male dress, even uniform. When, however it came to the question of male trousers as a fashion, this was a harder objection to overcome, as the struggles of Mrs Bloomer in the mid-19th century showed.

It was the craze for sport at the end of the century, notably for cycling, when either a divided skirt or trousers began to replace the cumbersome dress of the emancipated and progressive woman, which helped the cause. This was even more so during the First World War when women of all classes wore trousers in munitions factories, or breeches to work in agriculture. When they proved that they could do a useful job, men were prepared to overlook their eccentricity in wearing masculine costume.

'Women pillaged the masculine wardrobe with freedom and style'

The fact that women throughout history have occasionally worn male dress for practical purposes, may account for its acceptability. Even St. Thomas Aquinas agreed that women could in an emergency (defined as hiding from one's enemies, or lack of other clothes – wear male dress; what he disapproved of was wearing it for sensous pleasure.

Since there is no practical reason for men to wear female dress, this may account for the stigma still attached to this kind of dressing up, except when worn by outrageously theatrical pop stars.

After the interminable sobriety of the Victorian period, men may be about to return to a colourful, more "feminine" image. Women have been far luckier in this respect. They have been far less bound by disciplines of job and status, and are able to pillage the masculine wardobe with freedom and imagination.

We may never reach (or wish to reach) More's Utopian ideal of virtually unisex garments which only vary slightly according to sex and marital status. But we may be moving towards an equal ease in what Virginia Woolf's Orlando calls "the probity of breeches" or "the seductiveness of petticoats"!

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Now and then: the young beau of the 1780s wore much the same buttoned waistcoat and coat as today's woman in Michiko Koshino's dandified outfit

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

Seasonal bleatings from an old Scrooge

Another New Year Bulletin from Boston, Massachusetts. As I mentioned recently my American relatives have advanced skills in the mail-a-boast business, and they flaunt them more than ever at this point of the calendar. A son can't go skiing, or a daughter disco-dancing, without the rest of the world (or at least that section of the world which has a surname in common) hearing about it.

For about eight years now, the parents have been reeling off these attainments-by-proxy with a peculiarly vile brand of mock modesty, and the activity is always stepped up around the start of the year. "We are delighted that Little Debbie, at the age of just 10, has become the first girl president of the US, and that her brother Walter will very soon be able to walk on water *single-handed.*" I parody, but only just.

The terrible underbelly of all this is that when a family dedicated to over-achievement produces a dud (as it inevitably will), the poor child is written off, ignored and made stateless. The bulletin carries not a word, not a syllable, about poor Harvey, who I gather is a trainee junkie in New York. Selective reporting, if ever I say it.

The detritus of Christmas has grim symptoms. Most of the toys are already displaying their faults, as if to ram home the indiscriminate nature of parental shopping. Torches don't light, trains don't go, and whistles don't whistle.

Fathers, sundered from the safety of the office, are pretending to be practical. Since they cannot mend a fuse at this or any other time of the year, it is pathetic how they wax technocratic when the micro-circuitry of play goes wrong. To be sure, the mothers must shoulder their share of blame, for their stock reponse is always: "Your father will mend it".

And so we have these tragic little tableaux, with tawdry hardware in shards, toddlers on the brink of terminal hysteria, mothers running out of palliatives, and fathers wishing they'd got to grips with the make-and-break circuit 20 years ago.

Whenever I say anything about this time of the year, I get accused of bad grace; I am at best a spoilsport and at worst a Scrooge for "not entering into the spirit of things." That is why I have withheld any value judgements until the whole thing is over – ie, now.

I am unrepentant. All right, the period forms a welcome sort of solstice between work and work; it is a nice warm blanket around the spirit as the world swings down towards the nadir of its rotation; and I know – the ultimate defence this – that it is "for the children".

Let us have a look at that last claim. In so far as it winds them up for weeks into a state of anticipation which can only produce anticlimax; in so far as it legitimizes the grosser elements of acquisitiveness at a very early age; and in so far as the joy of receiving is instantly marred if a sibling gets something bigger – yes, it is indeed for the children. Well it *has* to be for someone, and it is certainly not for adults.

Since it has all sprawled into a commercial orgy with the duration of a whole season (two months ago it was already upstaging Guy Fawkes), the heart of the matter seems to beat ever more inaudibly beneath the new layers of fat. The sad thing is that this should have happened to a festival with such a truly dramatic core – the very stuff of mystery and morality. It was a great idea, and we've all but wrecked it.

People who find this attitude offensive accuse me of sabotaging the whole thing by even thinking such thoughts. (They will probably also point out that my timing is particularly unfortunate as there are only 357 shopping days to Christmas.) But the damage has already been done.

The second communication of the New Year. It carries a Beckenham postmark and is therefore from Great Aunt Sylvia: the standard six-monthly announcement of her next visit. She is not invited (she never has been), but this has not stopped her from coming in the past.

I know what will happen: she will spend the whole time comparing my children with long-dead scions of her own ancestry, and routing the futures of these young lives along the tramlines of family history. If I were my wife, I would be deeply offended by this genetic blinkering; it pre-supposes that in-laws only exist to reproduce in the image of another clan.

That is defensive behaviour I suppose, and one should be tolerant. But it is not always easy. My like-minded friends have long been telling me that extended families are built more for war than for harmony, but it takes the season just finished to bring out the truth of the observation.

Why breakfast is the crunch meal of the day

The Times Cook

Shona Crawford Poole

"There is a vast difference between the savage and a civilized man but it is never apparent to their wives until after breakfast." Silly and sexist perhaps, but American journalist Helen Row plainly subscribes to A. P. Herbert's view that "the critical period in matrimony is breakfast time".

Both remarks imply that breakfast sets the tone for the day ahead, and so it does. To those who are for practical purposes without bio-rhythms until after a second cup of coffee and to whom the convivial breakfast table is anathema, the quality of the coffee is critical. What matters is not how you like it but that it should be served as you do.

Even sweetness-and-light-at-dawn people can be pretty particular about the softness of their eggs, the thickness of toast, the crispiness of bacon, and the chunkiness of the marmalade. On breakfast the meekest of men and the mildest of women have very strong views.

Queen Elizabeth I's preferred breakfast of beef and beer might make today's nutrition experts wince, but then they cannot be happy about many currently popular breakfast dishes either.

All those prefabricated cereals stripped of bran and loaded with sugar, tut tut. And the traditional British fry-up, now that is too fatty by half. Coffee is frowned on as too stimulating, or worse, whole milk is too fat, and marmalede is too sugary. What is left?

Obviously anything as nice as a warm croissant must be mortal sin itself, which is why, I suppose, I keep coming across recipes for wholemeal croissants. It is an idea which seems to me as daft and pointless as wholemeal Yorkshire puddings. Traditional croissants, rich in butter and profligate of the baker's time and skill, call for the finest flour if they are to take their place at the top table of his art.

Wholemeal for wholemeal's sake may give an illusion of healthier eating but it is a chimera. Saluting the bran sack is not necessarily good for you.

Unless it is baked-in, added bran can be difficult to swallow. Much more appealing are breakfast cereals made from mixtures of rolled or crushed grains with fruit and nuts. Rolled oats are the basis of most muesli and granola recipes, but there are other grains to experiment with. Wheat and rye flakes, sold in whole food shops, are the easiest to find.

The choice then is between making a big match of one recipe or varying the added fruits, nuts and seeds from day to day. Morning tempers and timetables will decide that.

Interesting muesli
Makes about 1.5kg (3½ lb)

- 900g (2lb) mixed rolled grains, wheat, oats and rye
- 450g (1lb) mixed dried fruit, raisins, dates, figs and apricots, coarsely chopped
- 225g (8oz) coarsely chopped nuts, hazels, walnuts, pecans, almonds or a mixture.
- 450g (1lb) mixed dried fruit, raisins, currants, apricots, dates, figs etc, chopped if needed
- 1 vanilla pod (optional)

Mix all the ingredients together and store the muesli in an airtight container. To serve, add freshly grated apple or berries, and moisten the cereal with cold milk or yoghurt. Sweeten it to taste with honey or soft brown sugar.

Baking gives granola a richer flavour than uncooked muesli, but because the cereal is toasted days or even weeks ahead, it is just as easy to serve.

Granola
Makes about 1.8kg (4lb)

- 680g (1½lb) rolled oats
- 225g (8oz) wheatgerm
- 225g (8oz) sunflower seeds
- 225g (8oz) coarsely chopped nuts, hazels, almonds, cashews or a mixture
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 150ml (¼ pint) real maple syrup or clear honey
- 150ml (¼ pint) sunflower oil
- 150ml (¼ pint) apple or orange juice

Combine the oats, wheatgerm, sunflower seeds, nuts and salt in a large bowl and mix thoroughly. Combine the syrup or honey with the oil and fruit juice and mix. Pour the liquid over the cereal and mix well.

Spread the mixture on shallow baking trays and bake it in a preheated moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for 30 or 40 minutes. Bake the granola until it is crisp and golden, turning it from time to time to prevent it sticking and to ensure that it colours evenly.

Allow the granola to cool, then mix in the dried fruit. Add the vanilla pod if you are using it and store the cereal in an airtight container. To serve, add cold milk or yoghurt.

In tropical countries breakfast usually consists of fresh fruit, rolls and coffee. This can be a lamentable disappointment on all three counts even in coffee-growing areas. Brazil is a dazzling exception. The fragrant slices of ripe papaya and mango which begin a day in Rio set a standard to judge those fruits by.

A ripe mango would be a pretty extravagant breakfast at the prices charged when they have been flown half-way round the world. But there are home-grown fruits which take on new colours when treated with extra care.

Forced spring rhubarb is in the shops already. Chop it into 3cm (generous 1in) lengths and sprinkle it with a little raw brown sugar. Bake it, uncovered, in a moderate oven (180°C/350°F, gas mark 4) for about 20 minutes, or until it is tender but not collapsing. Chill before serving it with creamy natural yoghurt and honey or more brown sugar.

Apples, peeled and quartered, and baked with a little cider or white wine and sugar, are equally good served cold for breakfast. It sounds the height of decadence to add wine to anything meant for breakfast but the apples taste so appley cooked this way that scruples melt.

It is the great size of a traditional cooked breakfast that is too much for many people at that time of day, but like Pooh, they fancy "a little something" around 11 am, if not before. How about eggs baked not *en cocotte* but *en brioche*? Freshly made brioches freeze perfectly, so they are worth making in quantity. Alternatively, any round roll with a soft crust could be substituted.

Eggs baked in brioches
Serves four

- 4 individual brioches
- 30g (1oz) butter, melted
- 4 large fresh eggs
- 4 tablespoons double cream
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cut the tops off the brioches and scoop out enough of the crumb to make room for an egg and a spoonful of cream. Brush the insides of the brioches with melted butter and set them back in their tins, or in an indented cake or muffin tin, which will hold them steady. Crack the eggs carefully into a cup before dropping them, one at a time, into the brioches. Top with a spoonful of cream and a little pepper and salt.

Bake the filled brioches in a preheated moderately hot oven (200°C/400°F, gas mark 6) for seven minutes, or until the whites have just set and the yolks are still a little runny. Heat the brioche tops for a minute or two before serving the eggs.

The Harvey Nichols Sale.

(Who says you can't buy style?)

You'll find huge reductions in all departments, with many items at half price, including Designer Collections, Separates and Knitwear, Shoes, Fashion Accessories, Leisurewear, Menswear, Childrenswear, Revillon Furs, Carpets and Beds, Furniture, China, Glass, Linens and Greens Electrical.

Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, SW1.

Sale starts tomorrow. 9.30-7.00.

THE TIMES DIARY

Sit vac sitcom

They are not exactly queueing up to become Labour's next general secretary. On New Year's Eve it emerged that the frontrunner, David Warburton, had refused nomination because he war "first and foremost a trade unionist". I now learn that Neil Kinnock has failed to persuade John Garrett, centre-left former MP for Norwich, to stand. Garrett, whose skills as a management consultant are sorely needed at Labour's chaotic Walworth Road headquarters, was asked to meet Kinnock in the Commons in the week before Christmas. The matter was discussed, Garrett went off to consider it, but then told his leader he would not be applying. "I've got other things to do", he said yesterday. Other possibles are the General and Municipal's Larry Whitty; general secretary of the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions Alex Ferry; Welsh TUC secretary George Wright; Labour's new technology adviser Alan Thomas; and Scottish regional organizer Helen Liddell. Mrs Liddell could prove the dark horse. Since a meeting at the party conference, she has, I'm told, enjoyed the support of impoverished Labour's wealthiest supporter – Robert Maxwell.

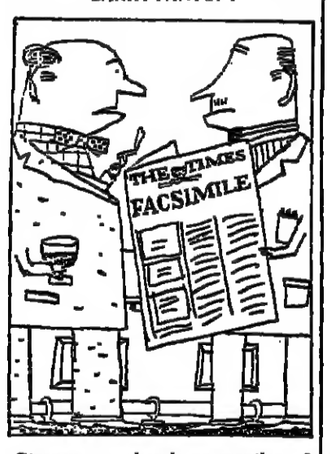
On file

As a jubilant George Best prepares for his transfer later this week to Ford open prison (it has a football team), our hearts need not bleed for his Pentonville prison-mate of the past few weeks, Taki. Inside intelligence reveals that the Greek millionaire cum cocaine smuggler is not sewing teddy bears but running the prison gym. With *his* track record, Taki is doubtless adding a touch of athletic class to the place: he represented Greece in the Davis Cup, and was the albeit aged captain of the Greek karate team. Indeed life inside is far from dull; besides *The Times* and the *Daily Mail* every day, loyal friends are supplying him with scores of magazines, including, for hard currency only of course, *Penthouse*, *Mayfair* et al.

Candid

A friend just back from the five-star Romantik hotel in Klagenfurt, Austria, sends me the hotel question aire, in which guests are asked to "contribute to our efforts to meet your pretentions even better." Question 9B: "I find this hotel less pleasing because (a) the politeness is only put on, (b) you feel observed, (c) you are 'flecced'."

BARRY FANTONI



'Strange . . . there's no mention of the miners' strike anywhere'

Timely scoop

The Cabinet papers released yesterday contain a timely reference to *The Times* with which to usher in our bicentenary. In a 1954 memo from Churchill's press secretary Fife Clark about a *Times* disclosure of the imminent abolition of the Ministry of Materials, Clark writes: "It is worth noting that this is one of the few 'scoops' obtained by *The Times* in recent years." He continues: "Certainly the only 'scoop' that they have had in the last two years has been the news of the pending appointment of Lord Llewellin as Governor-General of the Central African Federation – said to have been disclosed when a member of the staff of *The Times* met in his club a man who had just been to see his tailor, who had just measured the Governor-General designate for his uniform". Times have indeed changed.

● Aussies flying to London by Qantas may think the Tory party has come to a sticky end at last; the ingredients on their portion of breakfast marmalade reads "Sugar – Oranges – Conservatives".

Live wire

Yet another Dennis Skinner belle-lettre. To John Harris, the East Midlands Electricity Board chairman who is inviting MPs to a Commons "function" in March to outline the board's good works, the Beast of Bolsover replies: "It is a disgrace that all the Regional Electricity Boards squander money to wine and dine MPs when they should be utilizing the money for all of the services which you have outlined in your letter. It is about time that these useless affairs were ended and the money used instead to stop the brutal disconnections which have become so common in Thatcher's Britain." Mr Skinner, I take it, will not be present.

PHS

Chad: Robert Fisk on the famine threat to a land wracked by war

The Chari: as its waters fall it becomes increasingly an obstacle to continued relief supplies

Besieged by the ever advancing sand

Ndjamena

At dusk each day, the young officers of the French army's remaining 100-strong contingent in Ndjamena gather in the open bar of the Hotel Chadienne. Malarial mosquitoes hover over bottles of locally-made Gala beer, and usually four or five call girls of stunning beauty are available to President Mitterrand's last military commitment to President Habré's crumbling nation.

The hotel management keep a few candles on hand for the power cuts but the restaurant regularly runs out of fresh meat and butter, the souvenir hawkers have to carve their toy camels from shell fragments and the foetid swimming pool has not had its water changed in weeks.

The only sign of organized activity comes from a few hundred yards to the west where the sluggish, stinking green waters of the River Chari divide Chad from the Cameroons and presage a new human disaster, more destructive and more terrible than the civil war that has shredded the old French collonades of what was once Fort Lamy. On the other side of the river, lorries bring a thousand tons of grain and other foodstuffs every 24 hours to the old ferry boat across the Chari. Already, however, you can wade across most of the river. Very soon, the ferry will graze the emerging sandbanks too many times and beach itself. There is no bridge, and no causeway for the trucks on the other side. So the food will then simply stop coming into Ndjamena until March; until later, if the rains don't come.

Thousands of food sacks are already stockpiled on the eastern Chadian bank hard by the League of Red Cross workers' office, a shambling building in which an Italian woman, a Frenchman of allegedly aristocratic descent, a Sussex University graduate, and a girl fron Jersey pore over telex messages, supply lists and field reports from Chad's hot, merciless interior. Eveyone in Chad predicts disaster, pretty soon, and it is not difficult to see why. Near Abéché, far out on the border track to the Sudan – almost 500 miles from Ndjamena – people are already starting to die of hunger, as the poor move into town fron the burnt and dusty scrub.

In theory disaster can be averted. There is talk of building a road bridge over the Chari although it could scarcely be in time to prevent starvation. The EEC may fund an earth causeway – British companies may even tender for the project – but there is still nothing linking the two sides of the Chari except water, and mud and a lot of promises.

Hissein Habré's government advertises the forthcoming famine – it knows it needs help well enough – but it is Chad's military and political partition that still fascinates its ministries. Everything north of a line from the tip of Lake Chad to the town of Bitline is effectively in the hands of the Libyan army which President Mitterrand once innocently believed to have gone home.

Ndjamena itself is ruinously symbolic of both the nation and its desperation. Its streets are lined with buildings still gutted by the fratricidal and tribal war that broke out within the Chadian government more than four years ago. The cathedral is a skeleton next to a brand new military review stand. The food queues form up quietly each morning and evening not far from the Booby Night Club. The Biblioteque Al Akhbar still supplies the latest editions of the Paris papers, for Ndjamena is still ineradicably French. Its currency, one of its only two European air routes, its language, its morality, even its flag, come from France. France's *vocation* in its former African territories is much spoken of within the few western embassies here; street posters depict M Habré sitting on an embroidered sofa next to M Mitterrand.

Hope might come more easily if Ndjamena was not itself virtually under siege. The main road to Abéché – there is only 100 miles of paved road in the country – is sometimes cut by freelance gunmen and thieves. Air travel is by a fleet of aging DC3s that drone over the dying lands. The pilots now find that even the landmarks below them are disappearing as the Saharan sand creeps south. So many people – at one point reputedly 128,000 of them – flocked towards Ndjamena when the fear of famine began that the government instituted Operation Wall. It was an appalling public relations exercise but an effective method of settling displaced persons without violence in a semi-circle of camps around the city, and preventing a small-scale revolution within Ndjamena.

The south of Chad is all but out of bounds to strangers while the Chadian authorities try to crush a rebellion which may or may not be helped by the Libyans. Amnesty *International now claims that* President Habré's army has carried out summary executions there and thus demeaned the authority of a government to which the French president may soon return French military support.

Chad is the second largest cotton producer in Africa but it is difficult to see what the country has to offer to outside powers. The Libyans retreated up to the sixteenth parallel after a taste of occupation in Ndjamena. The Americans still speak of their desire for the restoration of the territorial and sovereign independence of Chad. Ask the Americans about Amnesty's report and they acknowledge its probable accuracy, adding, however, that under Libyan occupation in the north, the Chadians are faring far worse. For the moment President Reagan seems prepared to leave the French to hold the fort.

If the French fail, however – if President Mitterrand baulks at a second Chadian "rescue" mission – then the last authority of Ndjamena will start to crumble away. Sudan may again feel itself threatened by Libya. Perhaps this is one reason why the Americans are increasing their interest and diplomatic personnel in Chad.

There are now about 35 Americans attached to the small embassy here. Many of them are aid officials, but six weeks ago a military attaché arrived. In early December a giant US Starlifter flew into Ndjamena; according to diplomats it carried not food but military spare parts.

All this means little to Chad's estimated four and a half million people, who now know that the famine is approaching from Sudan, from the moving sands to the north and a disappearing river to the west. The World Food Progamme has produced an emergency plan that just might prevent catastrophe, a project that would bring food from America, France and the EEC through Nigerian ports to the railhead at Maidugum and across the Chadian frontier near Nguimi. *Another plan would freight food by* rail, through the Cameroons for transit on the still non-existent causeway over the Chari.

For the present the river carries only short-term hope, and long-term despair. Like the River Styx, all eyes are on the ferryman.

Party time: Michael Leapman on auld acquaintances not quite forgot

You've just got to know the language . . .

At best it was a highly speculative long shot and it could easily have been a recipe for disaster. The plan was to bring together a group of up to 90 men who last knew me and each other 28 years ago; plus any wives they might have amassed on the way.

I was against it from the beginning but Olga, the wife I had amassed, insisted. We had been to several parties earlier in the year where men, usually diplomats or academics, would come up and say they knew me in the Navy.

This was not a polite variant of "Hello, sailor" but a genuine recollection. In October 1956 I and a few dozen others began our National Service at Portsmouth barracks with the object of being trained as Russian speakers. After a few weeks we were despatched to Crail, in East Fife, where we joined soldiers, airmen and more sailors to form the thirtieth entry at the Joint Services School for Linguists (JSSL).

It was surprising that anyone should remember me from those days because I stayed at the school only a few months. I flunked one of the early exams and was quickly recategorized as a Stores Assistant, *distributing spare parts for ships at* Chatham.

It was there that I met a few of the Crail people again. By then trainee officers, they were visiting the barracks to learn about naval legal procedures on the very day of my court martial for Wilful Disobedience of a Lawful Order to Fetch Two Brooms.

I was sentenced to five days in cells (excessive by the standards of today, when the penalty for running your ship into London Bridge is a mere reprimand). In the eyes of my former classmates who saw me arraigned pitifully in the dock, I had clearly gone to the bad.

So when Olga suggested that we arrange a reunion of the Crail class of '56 I protested that I was the least suitable person to do it, that we would never trace more than a handful of them and nobody would be interested anyway. I added that if she signed the invitation with her forename, everyone would assume it was a KGB plot – although in fact she has no Russian antecedents, only a Yorkshire mother with an exotic imagination.

When she held firm I switched my argument, maintaining that the time scale she was proposing was too short; only six weeks between the first approaches and the date itself. We would never find the people in time. She replied it was no use asking them to an event too far into the future – they would put the letter aside and forget about it. Impetus was all-important.

We had kept in regular touch with only three of the men involved. One, now a lecturer at Essex University, had been a school friend. Another is a journalist on *The Guardian* and the third a schoolmaster in New York, of whom I have seen little since he lured me into sharing an expensive year's lease of a slow racehorse.

Picking the brains of the lecturer and the journalist, we arrived at a list of 26 names, barely a quarter of the class. We sent it to those for whom we had addresses, asking them to supply any more names and addresses they knew.

We ruled out the thought of asking the Admiralty for a class list. No doubt the identity of Russian linguists is covered by the Official Secrets Act and we didn't want ours to be the first party ever to be served with a D-Notice.

The Soviet embassy could presumably have supplied all the names, too, but we thought the neighbours might complain if swarthy men in cars with darkened windscreens took up all the parking space in our street on the night. For the same reason we decided not to advertise in *The Times*. In any case, we were beginning to relish the thrill of the chase.

The response to the initial mailing was gratifying. Within a week we were able to circulate a new list, more than twice as long as the first, and by the time we had reached the fourth revision we had about 100 names, in theory the entire entry.

The trouble was that there was no way of checking whether the names were authentic. A gap of 28 years can play tricks with the memory. We were sent names of men who joined a few months earlier or later, and several who had never been near the place.

Olga discovered something surprising. The wildest wrong guesses came from the academics, who formed easily the largest occupational group. Moreover, they would impart their false information with absolute certainty. On the other hand, the small band of journalists in the entry proved fairly reliable sources, suitably diffident about information they were not sure of.

It was an academic, for instance, who told us that Brian Curtois, the BBC political reporter, was among our number, so we trustingly sent him an invitation. A few days later a baffled Curtois rang and denied everything. Our informant had confused him with another BBC reporter, called something quite different, who had indeed been at Crail. Later another letter named a third BBC man, equally innocent; but by then we were learning to sniff out false leads early.

We also noticed that people from Oxford and Cambridge tended to blur distinctions between other universities. A man who had toiled long and worthily amid the dreaming spires of Bradford was variously attributed to Sheffield, Manchester, Salford and Leeds.

Some addresses were known by almost everyone but others proved elusive. When we traced one in the second category we felt elated, like a book collector discovering a rare first edition at a jumble sale.

The best-known address was of a man who had fulfilled his promise to the full and become an Oxford don, appearing frequently on television. The other bit of common information was that the old language school was now an intensive pig farm.

Many were the tales of nostalgic old sweats taking their long-suffering families on holiday to East Fife and solemnly touring the piggeries that used to be our dormitories. We were reminded of our own such trip a few years ago.

Some letters proved greatly entertaining. Men wrote of chance encounters with former inmates: "Sighted outside a newsagent in Bessborough Street. Menacing as ever, he declared that *he* wasn't going to work for a living."

Olga pursued other avenues of research to locate elusive men. She wrote to their universities and to companies they were thought once to have worked for, and she scoured the London phone book. Several citizens must have been surprised to be rung and asked whether they were in the Navy in 1956, especially if they weren't.

Not many are in *Who's Who*, except the full professors and the head of a public body connected with the arts. The Diplomatic List, though, led us to high flyers in the Foreign Office.

We had 47 acceptances, including 16 wives and one of the Russian instructors. Four of the group were reported dead but we had found perhaps 80 per cent of the rest. A triumph of will.

We received phone calls from as far away as Belgium and Canada expressing regrets, and one on the night itself from Putney, from an ex-airman we hadn't asked but who had heard about it and wanted to come along. (Dismissing the unworthy suspicion that he was from MI5, I said he could.)

It was a damp, muggy night. The first to arrive was the only one who had served full time in the Navy beyond his National Service. He appeared in uniform, all the way from Sunderland. He had been an immature lad at Crail but was now burly, bearded, garrulous, with a huge capacity for beer and a retentive memory for saucy Russian lyrics.

He was one of those I would never have recognized. Others scarcely looked a day older. The only other in naval rig was the Oxford don, as effervescent off screen as on. Two had made the journey from Paris and many more from north of Watford.

It is odd what things stay in the memory. One guest, now a corporate executive, accused me painedly of ungentlemanly behaviour 28 years ago. He had deputised for me on a night watch yet I refused to do the same for him. I had forgotten the incident but I'm fairly sure there were mitigating circumstances.

It was, against the odds, a tremendous success.

Digby Anderson

Fellow travellers who never arrive

Will 1985 be the year of public recantations?

Only rarely do Marxists and socialists publicly renounce their faith. Thus when the Chinese leadership recently recognized that the sacred texts of Marx, Engels and Lenin were not sufficient to deliver the economic goods, it was news. Their criticisms were restrained, and concerned mainly the extent to which Marxism *works*. They were especially newsworthy because they were made publicly and by a party in power. It is presumably much easier for an individual Marxist in the West to recognize publicly the failure of his creed. Or is it?

Why do so many British intellectuals continue to find Marxist socialism attractive when it has so manifestly failed as a theory and in practice? Those among them who admit the fact, if not the extent, of the failure in private, are noticeably reluctant to do so publicly. Why are they so unable to cut the ties and put this tired and cruel ideology for once and all out of their lives?

The usual explanations are numerous and well-known: Marxism is a religion. Its adherents are unlikely to lose their millenarian faith because of its practical or intellectual shortcomings. Even better, it is a religion divided into sects so that these shortcomings can be blamed on other heretical groups and factions. Marxism offers a refuge for the resentful and certainly for the dogmatic. It eases the guilt of the privileged and provides a platform for the indulgent exercise of second-hand rhetorical compassion.

To the less intellectual intellectual it gives an armoury of argumentative manoeuvres which enable him to retain his conclusions and composure in the face of any new and threatening criticism with minimal intellectual effort. It is also noted that there are jobs, advancement and status in socialism.

Finally, dependent on its payroll are not only the employees of the Labour, Communist and several other political parties, trade union bureaucrats and activists, but the state-salaried new class which does so well from ideologically sustained public bureaucracies, and of course the interest groups which enjoy special privileges from the enlarged socialist state, including, as shown so graphically in the recent student grants debate, many among the middle classes.

Among other less obvious beneficiaries of socialism are those private sector companies which have lucrative contracts with central or local government and those trade newspapers which receive substantial revenue from advertising public sector jobs. There are many reasons for remaining a socialist long after socialism has been intellectually and practically discredited.

One reason has not received much attention. Some years ago, when carrying out research in a secondary school, I interviewed 15-year-olds about what they had done and where they had been over a 24-hour period. The first respondent answered my initial question, "Where did you go after school?" with a very definite: "I want to be a welder, Sir". That was because the careers officer was carrying out interviews in the next room and the interview lists had been muddled. No doubt the careers officer received detailed instruction in the local bus timetable.

The general finding, however, was that when the young people were not hanging about their life was one long prepositional outing: they went "*round* to Dave's" and then "*over* to Neil's" so that the three of them could go "*down* the cafe" and wait until it was time to go "*up* the disco" in order to meet some girls whom they would take "*out* to the pub" and so on. A truly successful evening had no end in itself but laid the foundations for the next day's prepositional chain with an arrangement to meet Sharon, Jean and Michelle and "go over . . . ". Evenings were rated not so much on their end or result but on the velocity of the ricochet, the number of prepositions.

Is not this one attraction of socialism? Not its end but its endless means. The ceaseless organizing, theorizing, squabbling, struggling, denouncing and demonstrating; the infinite discovery of new critiques, complaints, heroes, minorities, causes, injustices; and the proclamation, abandonment and reproclamation of seminal analyses, approaches and exegetics.

The fact that the end is unattainable is unimportant. It is the means which are attractive – revving round and round on a highly-pitched ideological Honda. Many socialists have never thought about the end, about whether they *want* a socialist society. As it is unlikely to happen, they don't bother.

And there you have it. The fact that socialism does not work is not a disadvantage but an essential part of its attraction. The means not only justify but replace the end. What better than to be able to organize, denounce and study for an end in the sure and certain hope that it will not happen.

So 1985 is unlikely to see a wave of recantations. Lenin called left-wing socialism an infantile disorder. He was wrong: it is permanently adolescent.

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Jeremy Seabrook

When the Tories call on terror

In recent weeks we have heard the media refer to "the troubles" in the Yorkshire pit villages. Leon Brittan has called picketing strikers "the men of violence". We have heard of divided communities and fratricidal strife. Ministers have even made conscious attempts to equate some coalfield disturbances with terrorism.

We may wonder whether these associations and elisions are merely accidental, a simple reaching for effect, symptomatic of nothing more than a tiredness in political and journalistic rhetoric, that it should fall back on sinister euphemisms that have become familiar from the cruelties of Northern Ireland; or whether the aggravation of social conflict under this government does not give some substance to an apparently irresponsible use of hyperbole.

At first sight, any parallel between the coal dispute and Northern Ireland looks far-fetched, even absurd. But the question to ask is whether the long-term and institutionalized oppression of the Catholic minority in Northern Ireland which gave rise to the present "troubles" does foreshadow a direct, if secular, equivalent in mainland Britain. Clearly, racial discrimination presents an immediate and obvious analogy. But in their over-ready use of this borrowed imagery of sectarian strife to describe the pit strike, this is not primarily what the Government and its allies are thinking of.

Their business, as they see it, is with the permanent ejection from the mainstream of politics of the socialist alternative. (The fact that many black people have come to identify themselves with the left means that two birds can be killed, as it were, with one apparently non-racially discriminating stone.) The Conservatives' aim has been to see the Labour Party shrink and be reduced to the margins; so that it represents only the rump of the old industrial communities in their continuing decline, the inner city and ghetto areas.

Their wish is to see the "proletarian" core isolated and dwindling numerically into electoral impotence. Following the structural changes in the economy, the relatively easy eclipse of Labourism in southern England, it becomes a by no means implausible project to represent socialism as both ridiculous and meaningless to a majority of the people. Labour's diminished base can be effectively isolated in the kraals of the decaying industrial empire, the pit villages and declining industrial conurbations.

When Mrs Thatcher referred to the last Labour government in a conference speech a few years ago, she added emphatically "and I do mean the *last* Labour government"; and she was using more than a mere figure of speech. She has foreseen the consolidation of a permanent majority who do not contest capitalism, which has been magically transformed into something more benign, called "society". This prospect has been enhanced by the arrival of the SDP/Liberal Alliance, who despite their message of conciliation, have reinforced the beleaguered sense of rage and hopelessness of that shrinking socialist constituency which once saw itself as an irresistible force in politics, and one to which the future securely belonged.

The minority can scarcely be expected to lie down under the humiliations imposed by a newly confident majority. The peculiar bigotry of the rich and comfortable comes from their incomprehension of the fervours of people who draw meaning and hope from socialism. They see small reason to be generous or merciful, the more so because until quite recently they saw themselves as the threatened minority. For it is they who have "democratically" vanquished the forces of evil; who have, in Mrs Thatcher's word, "prevailed".

In this, she is likely to be disappointed. It is true that the electoral roots of Labour have partially withered. The time may come – or even be here – when it commands no more than a third or a quarter of the electorate. But it remains, and will remain, a sizeable and tenacious fragment; likely to become more obdurate and entrenched the more it feels beleaguered and overwhelmed. This process has been much intensified by what we have seen in the pit villages: there, the activities of the police appear, not so much as the maintenance of order as the excesses of an occupying force. And while we may well come to resemble the US in that our poor become largely depoliticized and dependent, and can therefore be safely left to prey upon each other rather than conceive systematic designs on the property of the rich, it is unlikely that workers in traditional industries will be so compliant as to demobilize themselves politically, or to permit the visions of socialism to perish.

This is why what we have seen in the mining areas may be only a beginning. When they speak of "the damage done to the social fabric", this is what the Tory conciliators are trying to warn against, even though their dainty allusions scarcely measure up to the horrors they are trying to indicate. The melancholy truth is that there is no one in this government with the prescience, imagination, or even, it sometimes seems, the human sympathy to see beyond an immediate and arrogant triumphalism. When they incorporate into their rhetoric the language of bitter sectarian conflict, they should really reflect more carefully upon the nature of the strife they are promoting.

TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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THE NEXT TWO HUNDRED

Paris, Jan. 1st 1785. "The introduction of the English newspapers is just prohibited here. For some time past, for want of political matter, newspapers were filled with nothing but absurd and ridiculous stories and satirical pictures of the principal, and even most august personages of Europe." Annual Register for 1785.

In pre-revolutionary France *The Times* was unwelcome to the authorities. But the revolution which was soon to overwhelm them gave *The Times* a first great opportunity to establish itself as the leading source of information about a saga whose ultimate effect changed the face of Europe, indeed of the world. Such opportunities have recurred in the last 200 years, some to be exploited, others to be missed. We celebrate our 200th birthday today as Britain's oldest national newspaper with special satisfaction because, though there have been many occasions in the past when the existence of *The Times* has been in jeopardy, there can hardly have been so many such serious threats to this paper as we have experienced in the last 20 years. To a natural statistical satisfaction in the figure 200, therefore, must be added an emotional sigh of relief that *The Times* has actually made it after all. And made it well.

Age is not necessarily a virtue. What matters today is tomorrow's issue. Nothing better illustrates the ephemerality of the newspaper business than a limp and irrelevant pile of back numbers waiting on railway platforms or in the backyards of newsagents to be returned to pulp. But at *The Times* we believe this newspaper to be more than the digest of yesterday's news. Of course each edition of the paper contains the narrative record of yesterday's events. Additionally there is all

Of history and in history

the service material the reader needs as part of those events, particularly in the Business and Sporting world. Beyond that there is a whole range of social, artistic, political and international commentary which certainly survives the circadian test, since much of it seeks to set out today's events in the context not just of yesterday, but of the year as a whole, the decade or even the age in which we live.

The journalist working for a serious paper cannot help also being a historian. It might be said that their functions are fundamentally different since one has to record and comment on the present, while the other explores the past. But the argument reveals a very episodic attitude to the passage of time. Surely time is a continuous process, not subject to punctuation, but more like a wide, unfathomable muddy river flowing from an undiscovered source on and on into an uncharted sea.

All writers about the real world, whether journalists or historians, are travellers destined never to arrive. In the news business the false division of time between the present and the past is painfully experienced every day when we ask ourselves, is it "new"? Did this item occur so recently that it is "news" which merits inclusion in a newspaper or a TV bulletin and if so how recently does that need to be – this morning?, yesterday? or three days ago? Alternatively is everything news if it is new to our readers? After all, the details of a great archaeological discovery are thought to be new because though they happened millions of years ago their recent discovery can have contemporary significance because of the way, for instance, it could alter our sense of perspective in the world around us, not to mention the practical consequence of such a discovery to museums, research centres, and so on.

The more a journalist tries to understand the present, to set it in some context and to interpret it for the reader, the more she or he has to go into the past. As Paul Johnson said in his introduction to *The Offshore Islanders*: "Seeking to peer through the mists of the present, the journalist uses as points of reference the established landmarks of the past". A sense of history and of the continuity of an institution which has both made history and reported it must help us on *The Times* to continue with that tradition because those moments in the history of *The Times* when we made history were mostly caused by our skill at reporting it as it happened.

We would not have survived for two hundred years unless we had been able to keep ahead of competitive pressures both in the skills of journalism and the technology of newspaper production. The history of *The Times* is a continuous struggle to make the paper commercially successful, a struggle during which our fortunes have waxed and waned dramatically, as one would expect over such a timespan. The ingredients for success, as always, have been a combination of new printing techniques acquired before our competitors did so and a journalistic reputation which would never have survived if it had been based simply on a view that *The Times* was the main organ of opinion. There has always been more to *The Times* than that.

The power of this paper's leading articles has rested on more than the power of the argument. In its 19th century heyday *The Times* had unique access to the high places of government which enabled it always to be first with information about what was going on. This meant that the paper's opinion had often been formed on the basis of equal if not earlier intelligence than many members of the government to whom the paper was offering advice. That access was secured both by the efforts of the senior staff, and because the paper's circulation exceeded the combined circulation of the rest of the national press.

This power of *The Times* in the early 19th century had been achieved by its victory in the struggle with political authorities to establish the revolutionary idea that a newspaper was independent of party, that it took no subsidies, received no bribes and responded with defiance to blackmail.

The Times led the Press and certainly spoke for it as a leader. After a brush with Palmerston over criticisms that its disclosures were ill-timed or against the public interest *The Times* answered:

"The first duty of the Press is to obtain the earliest and most correct intelligence of the events of the time, and instantly, by disclosing them, to make them the common property of the nation."

There emerged a view that newspapers were more continuously and more sensitively in touch with the will of the electorate than was any 19th century government, certainly before the electoral and educational reforms. To the extent that any public opinion was expressed in Britain outside Parliament and the confines of a political establishment, that was true. But the idea was tenacious, and persisted even after the Age of Broadcasting, that public opinion could be measured by the range and direction of journalistic opinion. Behind such an idea lies the assumption that a newspaper can form public opinion, or even change it, in its leading articles.

We do not subscribe to such a grandiose view of the power of the leading article. Leading articles in the Press as a whole certainly help to outline the area within which can be set the limits of the national argument. It is newspapers, not the broadcasting organizations, which perform this role. One can see what difficulties radio and television companies have experienced in being unable to have a house view on an issue against which they can accommodate a range of opposing views. The absence of a house view, explicitly stated, gives the broadcasting output some feeling of political disorientation which is often not helped by the efforts of individual members of the staff explicitly or implicitly assuming editorial discretion for themselves.

Everybody in a newspaper knows that it is news, not opinions, which sells newspapers. For all that, the leading article in *The Times* is a vital part of the composition of the whole paper. They – the leading articles – should be part of that process of setting events into some kind of context. They should establish in the reader's mind where the paper stands officially on the great issues of the day. It has been said of *The Times* that we claim to be national, independent and complete. We do. We are certainly national. We are committed to no political party, but we support whatever party, in or out of power, we believe to be acting in the national interest. We are complete because we do not try to distort or suppress news or views which we may regret or deplore.

A paper is a living thing, a vital organism which has certain qualities of the human personality about it. The same could not be said for the small screen which now sits in the living room of every citizen, giving a service of news, entertainment and other peoples' opinion without any coherent or definitive personality shaping its output. The hurrying pace of information technology may suggest to many people that newspapers will be replaced in a generation or two by electronic devices which convey information to their clients in a much brisker and more efficient way than a flimsy awkward ink-stained clutch of pages which slithers each day through the letter-box. We think that newspapers will survive the onslaught of the electronic age by using the new technology to improve our newspaper, as a newspaper. *The Times* should thus look forward with confidence to a celebration of another centenary in 2085.

Meanwhile the editorial quality of the paper will be wasted if the commercial environment does not live up to this promise. *The Times* has had its successful and unsuccessful periods over the past two hundred years, as with many other British institutions of the same age. Unlike most of those other institutions we started as a commercial operation and we remain as such. We know that the world does not owe us a living. We have had a raucous past, robust, turbulent, rich and poor, full of grace and empty of it, but all aspects of it have depended on the commercial success of the operation started by John Walter to demonstrate the qualities of a new printing process. That was followed later by the first steam press, the first rotary press, faster means of communication and now electronic computer-based technology in our composing room; we are the only major national paper in Britain to have entered this new world.

When Lord Northcliffe died, that curious man left *The Times* in a state of shock, half-way through a revolution. It is not certain whether, had he lived, the revolution could or would have been completed. But his death caused *The Times* to acquire the status of a "national institution" worthy of a rescue operation. We are still a "national institution" because one could see how diminished was the whole British press by the absence of *The Times* when it was off the streets for fifty weeks. Nevertheless there is no escaping the conclusion that, though the national press was indeed diminished, the country could and would have survived without us. It had at last become clear to everybody that neither the world nor the nation owed us a living.

Consequently we have had to re-assert those fundamental qualities of independence, innovation and energy which originally launched us on this 200 year-old journey and which became somewhat eclipsed in the shock of Northcliffe's death in 1922. It led to the cultivation of the idea, both within and without the paper, that somebody like Colonel Astor would always turn up to finance operations in a way which would have embalmed *The Times* so as to protect it from whatever disagreeable environment in which it found itself. Before the war such an idea was tenable; after it never.

Comes the revolution

It has taken forty years for everybody finally to face up to this awkward truth, but we have done so. *The Times* is not yet paying its way though Times Newspapers as a whole is now trading at a profit. Nevertheless this newspaper is potentially at one of those moments in its history when it could break free from some of the commercial and technical restraints which had beset it. *The Times* may now achieve a solidly based expansion on a scale which has not happened to it for nearly seventy years. It is an exciting prospect in which we hope to carry our readers with us on a new and fulfilling journey into our third century.

We carry our past with us, and proudly. It inspires us with its record of robust and vigorous challenges to authority, its resilience in the face of adversity, its confidence that information fuels argument, and that together they provide the raw material of freedom for British citizens and British institutions. As we now move beyond the industrial revolution and the post-industrial revolution, it is appropriate that *The Times*, which saw the first two revolutions come and go, should be geared up to report history in the making and at the same time be making history itself. A leading article printed when *The Times* first put news on the front page ended as follows:

"Some people have expressed the dark suspicion that one of the reasons *The Times* is modernising itself is to get more readers. Of course it is. And we shall go on trying to get more readers for as long as we believe in our purpose."

Come, tomorrow is another day.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soviet reaction to SDI programme

From Mr Gerald Frost

Sir, Lord Kennet asserts (feature, December 19), as if it were a self-evident truth, that the introduction of an SDI (strategic defence initiative) system would upset deterrence without putting anything in its place. This may be very far from the truth; deterrence is likely to be strengthened if Soviet military planners know that a significant proportion of their missiles will be destroyed in flight, but not which ones.

They will also be obliged to take account of the likelihood that, because the protection of America's own strategic arsenal would have a high priority, the prospect of a massive US response to a Soviet first strike would be much greater than in the absence of ballistic missile defence.

Lord Kennet also errs in overlooking the considerable political and diplomatic importance of the SDI programme as a factor in the conduct of East-West relations and wholly ignores the argument in favour of the SDI programme which is most likely to recommend itself to Europeans: that, if feasible, ballistic missile defence would lend a greater credibility to the US nuclear guarantee to this Continent because the scale of the risks to America entailed by that guarantee would be significantly diminished.

His assertion that the pursuit of an effective missile defence system is incompatible with the goal of arms limitation is only an assertion and appears to rest on the dubious assumption that if we displease the Soviets they will not wish to negotiate with us. Recent experience suggests that military strength and potential provide a much greater incentive to the Soviets to negotiate than sentiment.

In any event, it may well be that by reducing the relative utility of the ballistic missile a layered defence system would have the effect of increasing the readiness of each side to accept reductions in nuclear strength in return for corresponding and verifiable reductions by the other.

These are complex matters and none of this can be asserted with the degree of dogmatism which characterised Lord Kennet's remarks, at least not until the SDI programme reveals more about the technological capacity and limitations of the systems envisaged. Those who, like Lord Kennet, grandly seek to advise great nations on "their duty to humanity" cannot be excused the intellectual effort and patience involved in working out how that duty should be most intelligently and responsibly performed.

Yours faithfully,
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Polytechnic troubles

From Professor P. G. Forrester

Sir, In reporting (December 20) Dr Beishon's temporary appointment as Director of the Polytechnic of North London, you mention that, under his direction, the Polytechnic of the South Bank has introduced new rules. Apparently it is now an offence "to express opinions knowing that they are likely to cause such grave offence to others as to distract them from their studies."

Such a measure is all very well so far as it goes, but at PNL it will surely not be enough. The principle will need to be extended to outlaw not only unpopular statements but also unpopular ideas.

To monitor this adequately a thought police must be recruited, empowered, with the help of volunteer student activists, to carry out "thought searches" on any students or staff suspected of harbouring unconventional and potentially damaging ideas. Those found guilty will, of course, be encouraged to undergo rehabilitation by methods worked out by our comrades overseas.

Only by such vigorous and responsible measures can PNL be assured of maintaining its role as a bastion of left-wing orthodoxy.

Yours faithfully,
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Backlog on repair of housing stock

From Mr John Perry

Sir, In 1981 the Government carried out a major survey of the state of the nation's housing stock. The results were disturbing. Nearly a quarter of the stock was in disrepair. Over one million houses were unfit for human habitation. Many of the occupants of bad housing were found to be poor owners who could not afford repair costs.

Nearly one-third of our housing was built before the first world war and half of it needed more than £2,500 of repairs. If anything, the survey underestimated the scale of the problem in newer housing where widespread structural faults associated with prefabricated building systems are increasingly evident. The backlog of repair work is now estimated at £30 billion.

Presumably the purpose of surveys of this kind is to influence policy. Local authorities had already switched their housing resources overwhelmingly to repair work. For a time – the period before the election – they appeared to receive belated encouragement from Whitehall. Even the Prime Minister exhorted authorities to "spend, spend, spend". Their protests that it was the Government's own rules that inhibited spending programmes were dismissed as excuses.

Now of course, it is as if the *English House Condition Survey* had never been published, as if Michael Heseltine (as Environment Minister) had never promised "to reverse the decline in the rate of attack on substandard housing". The Treasury dogma which sought out housing as the soft underbelly of public expenditure has returned with a vengeance.

Not content with cuts that have reduced spending by two-thirds since 1979, the Government is now introducing rule changes that restrict authorities from reinvesting money which they were encouraged to obtain by selling council houses (report, December 19). Many authorities will have so little money that they will be unable to enter any new contracts at all next year. Housing investment in 1985 will plummet to a new low. It is already less than half that of any of our EEC partners.

Surely the Government cannot believe that its brief pre-election spending spree was sufficient to make inroads into the backlog of repair work? Of course not. The plain fact is that the Government no longer cares whether poor owner-occupiers get grants, council tenants are in disintegrating tower blocks or 400,000 building workers are unemployed.

Everything is sacrificed before the Treasury's cash limit. Everything, of course, except mortgage tax relief, which soars ahead of new investment, unconstrained by Treasury rules. It is tax relief which now gets the Prime Minister's personal endorsement.

The insanity of the Government's houses policy will be demonstrated by the 1986 house condition survey. Unless, of course, it becomes another convenient victim of the cuts.

Yours faithfully,
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Prescription of drugs

From Dr Philip R. Evans

Sir, Your leader on prescribing (December 13) fails to understand the genuine professional concern of many general practitioners about the Government's plans for implementation of a limited drug list. A considerable number of doctors are sympathetic to the idea of a limited list and some who have worked abroad, e.g., in Australia and New Zealand, know that it can work.

I suggest the present dispute between the Government and the medical profession should be used constructively in the following ways:

1. Following adequate consultation, a limited drug list should be set up and monitored by a committee made up of experts in pharmacology, therapeutics and pharmacy, with full representation of practising doctors, both hospital and community based.
2. The DHSS must ensure that no drug is available for dispensing in this country unless it has passed a rigorous quality-control procedure. This would encourage generic prescribing and allay fears that substandard drugs might be received by patients.
3. It has been demonstrated (*Prescribing – A Suitable Case for Treatment* – RCGP, Jan. 1984) that if general practitioners are given full and accurate information about their prescribing, their attitudes and habits in this area can alter to the benefit of the patient and the Exchequer.

It is naive to suppose that cheap prescribing is necessarily good prescribing. The technology to provide such information for individual doctors is available. The profession should ask for this facility; the DHSS should provide it.

Some of the anger about the Government's action is due to the lack of consultation, a rather sad failing of this Administration in a number of different areas. The present period of consultation until the end of January is clearly inadequate.

Yours faithfully,
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'Restructured' rugby

From Mr M. D. Morgan

Sir, I write as the father of a boy at an HMC (Headmasters' Conference) school which should be continuing its tradition of producing players capable of playing international rugby, but unfortunately both it (and the vast majority of the schools against which it plays) play the game poorly and for one unequivocal reason – the coaching, from the age of 13, is virtually non-existent.

Whether this is so because the modern public-school master is simply not an all-rounder, as were so many of his predecessors, I don't know, but the lack of interest in the coaching of boys during their early, vital, impressionable years is an incontrovertible fact.

It follows, therefore, that if boys are not coached in the basics of the game and if their natural youthful ambitions are not properly encouraged they are unlikely, when they finally make the first XV, to be capable of much more than honest effort (which they certainly make) but the absence of skill really is very depressing.

I have seen many schools matches over the last few years and my opinion is based on what I have actually seen.

Yours faithfully,
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December 18.

New town assets

From Mr Alex Thompson

Sir, I respond to the recent series of articles by Christopher Warman on new towns (December 17-20), and, in particular, his discussion of the role of the Commission for New Towns.

To use the word "democratisation" to describe this body's asset-stripping activities next year must surely make the ancient Greeks turn in their graves. What we will see is an auction, at rock-bottom prices, of publicly owned utilities as whole chunks of new town city centres and industrial plant are sold to private pension and assurance funds or multinational corporations, whose allegiance to the British people is akin to the vampire's relationship with its victim.

If we are serious about "democratisation" then perhaps we should follow the model of the Greek city states and let the local communities have their say. Or is that taking democracy a bit too far?

Yours faithfully,
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Over the edge?

From Mr J. Horder

Sir, Is the change in the inscription on the edge of the one pound coin, from "Honour and protection" (*decus et tutamen*) to "No one who provokes me gets away with it" (*nemo me impune lacessit*) intended to indicate the direction of a change in governmental policy for the new year?

Yours faithfully,
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The Gillick case

From Mr John Eekelaar

Sir, At least two distinct issues are entangled in the *Gillick* judgement (Law Report, December 21). One is the simple question whether parents have a "right" to determine the medical advice and treatment given to their child. The other is whether treatment given without that consent is unlawful at civil or criminal law.

Lord Justice Parker answered the first affirmatively on the ground that the custodial rights relating to the person of the child include the right "completely to control the child". This seems far too broad and would mean that providing cosmetics, hair styling or even sports goods (such as boxing gloves) of which parents disapproved would infringe those rights.

It would be more acceptable to say that the provision of medical advice and treatment had been equated with the determination of religion and education, which are clearly recognised parental rights.

But even if this were so, the result is not far reaching. Apart from statutory provision, a parent who claims that his rights regarding religion or education are infringed can enforce them only by warding the child, whereupon, although at one time the court would have implemented the right, it is now bound to do what is in the child's best interests. Thus even those powerful rights are diminished.

If the "medical" right is treated in the same way, a doctor considering medical advice or treatment would normally need to consult a child's parents, but would be entitled to disregard their wishes if he thought that was best for the child. But he would need a strong reason not to inform the parents. This would leave the situation much as it was before the judgement.

Lord Justice Parker also said that as a matter of law a girl under 16 could give no valid consent "to anything in the area of consideration which apart from consent would constitute an assault whether civil or criminal" and even suggested that physical examination of a child without parental consent might amount to indecent assault. This does not necessarily follow from the recognition of a "medical" parental right.

Touching a child in the course of religious or educational practice with which a parent disagreed is unlikely to amount to assault if the child consented nor (apart from specific offences) could consensual touchings of a child held against a parent's right of possession conceivably constitute assaults on the *child*.

Nor does criminal law help. If the consent of a girl under 16 to sexual intercourse was a "nullity", the act would constitute rape. Such intercourse is a crime *despite* consent.

The significance of parental consent is that it supplies the deficiency of a child who is unable to give real consent. If it were required with respect to a capable child, social dealings with children would be impossible.

It may be that the judgement applies only to the subject matter of the declaration eventually given, confining the parental right to matters of sexuality. But do the courts really wish to become involved in supervising, on behalf of parents, the sexual behaviour of teenage girls, and boys?

Yours sincerely,
JOHN EEKELAAR,
Pembroke College,
Oxford.
December 21.

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During the Napoleonic Wars the price of corn rose considerably. The Government attempted to alleviate the consequent distress of the poor with "every expedient".

Among the various expedients which experience has shewn to be best adopted to afford substantial relief, none seems to deserve so much attention as *Soup Establishments*. These excellent institutions, which have existed in the Metropolis for more than two years, have incontestably proved how much can be attained in economising the food of man, by the necessary preparation of meat and vegetables upon a large scale, in all instances where a design of this nature is properly methodized, and conducted with attention and regularity.

...The unparalled success of these useful establishments, thus clearly manifested by attaching the lower classes of the people to a cheap, substantial, and wholesome food is none of the least of the advantages which have resulted from this frugal and beneficial mode of relieving the Poor. The numerous applications of the labouring Poor, particularly at *Spitalfields*, has not only occasioned an increase of boilers of very large dimensions at most of the old establishments, but has also excited a general disposition among the benevolent and humane to erect new Soup Houses in every part of the Metropolis, and also in the villages in the neighbourhood; and it is not doubted when the whole of the new institutions are sufficiently prepared to issue soup, that above 40,000 meals or pints will be delivered daily to the Poor at half price.

A relief so salutory and extensive, and offered (in proportion to the number of persons who will be thus fed) at so very inconsiderable an expense cannot be too highly acclaimed, since it is evident that through this medium the means are at length discovered of effectually assisting the Poor in severe seasons when the necessaries of life are high, in a manner by which the benevolence of the Opulent and Humane embraces a wider field and extends infinitely beyond what the most sanguine mind could have conceived to be possible: *since a single guinea subscribed actually affords a hearty meal to 504 persons!* and that too of food, which from its nourishing quality, strength and thickness, cannot be considered as an improper substitute for bread, the consumption of which must unquestionably be diminished wherever this aliment forms a part of the food of a labouring man's family.

... The advantages resulting from the Soup Houses in the Metropolis being thus explained, it may be necessary to state that their success is alone to be attributed to the unwearied gratuitous attention of their Conductors, who in systematizing these designs and extending their benefits in a manner not only to feed, but also to improve the habits, and in some degree, the morals, of so great a portion of the labouring people, have felt themselves amply rewarded and gratified by the thankfulness universally expressed for the boon.

Good companions

From Mr A. M. H. King and Mr M. A. Sutton

Sir, As two West Country firms of solicitors who were also founded in 1785 we offer you congratulations on your bicentenary.

Though your history is no doubt better documented than ours, we can each claim 200 years of legal practice and, at different stages in our histories, about 150 years' service from one family; in one firm, five generations of Kings and in the other, four of Tozer. The involvement of John Walter I and his descendants in *The Times* was of the same order.

To *The Times* and to each other we say, *ad multos annos*.

A. M. H. KING,
Stone, King & Wardle,
13 Queen Square, Bath, Avon.
M. A. SUTTON,
Tozers,
2/4 Orchard Gardens,
Teignmouth, Devon.
January 1.

From the Publisher of Helsingin Sanomat *and others*

Sir, Please accept our sincerest congratulations on the 200th anniversary of *The Times*, which has always been the pilot flame of free and serious journalism.

Yours etc,
AATOS ERKKO, Publisher,
HEIKKI TIKKANEN, Editor,
TEO MERTANEN, Vice-President,
Helsingin Sanomat,
Ludviginkatu, 6-8, 00130,
Helsinki 13, Finland.

From Mr Philip Hamilton Fox and others

Sir, G. C. Fox and Co, ship agents in Falmouth, wish to extend their heartiest congratulations to the management and staff of *The Times* for helping that great paper achieve its 200th birthday.

The partners of Fox and Co, who moved the centre of their activities from Fowey to Falmouth in 1762, still have Foxes at the helm after nine generations. One of their most prized possessions is an early edition of *The Times* recording the retirement speech of George Washington as President of the United States of America, by whom Robert Weare Fox was appointed Consul in 1794.

We, the present partners, are also strong supporters of your excellent paper and our fervent wish is that there will still be Foxes reading it in another 200 years time.

Good luck to you all and may *The Times* go on living forever.

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP HAMILTON FOX,
CHARLES LLOYD FOX,
WILLIAM BARCLAY FOX,
PETER BOND,
G. C. Fox and Co,
48 Arwenack Street,
Falmouth, Cornwall.

From Mr John Frost

Sir, The late General Dwight Eisenhower is reputed to have commented "A man's world is just as big as the newspaper he reads".

May I thank *The Times* for truly widening my horizon.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN FROST,
8 Monks Avenue,
New Barnet, Hertfordshire.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM
January 1: Lady Abel Smith has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady-in-Waiting to The Queen.

Princess Anne will dine with world committee members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and the World Organization of the Scout Movement at the World Bureau, Olave Centre, Hampstead on March 23.

Princess Anne, patron, Riding for the Disabled Association, will visit the St James's Park Group at the Royal Mews, Buckingham Palace on March 28 and in the evening, as Master of the Farriers' Company, will attend a dinner given by the Lord Mayor.

Princess Anne, President of the Chartered Institute of Transport, will attend the Phillip Henman Overseas Lecture at the Institute of Civil Engineers on April 1.

Princess Anne will open the new county primary school in Ledbury, Worcester on April 3.

Princess Anne will attend the London Harness Horse Parade Society's centenary dinner at Young and Company's brewery in Wandsworth on April 12.

Princess Anne will attend the National Playing Fields Association's diamond jubilee ball at Grosvenor House on April 22.

Princess Anne, patron, National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, will attend the Newcastle upon Tyne East Federation's 50th anniversary dinner at the Newcastle upon Tyne Civic Centre on April 24.

Princess Anne will open the modernized factory of Samuel Moore Foods at Easterton, Wiltshire on April 30.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of European Music Year 1985 (United Kingdom Committee), will attend a concert given by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to mark the eightieth birthday of Sir Michael Tippett, at the Festival Hall, on January 27.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a concert to mark the bicentenary of *The Times* at the Festival Hall on January 31.

The Duke of Kent, Patron of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, will attend a concert at the Festival Hall on February 5.

The Duke of Kent, as president, will unveil a painting commemorating the Falklands campaign at the Army and Navy Club, Pall Mall, on February 6.

The Duchess of Kent will visit RAF St Mawgan, near Newquay, Cornwall, on February 6.

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit Vanderhoff International Limited at Nuneaton, and will later visit the British Timken Company, Northampton, on February 7.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron, will visit Helen House, Oxford, on February 7.

The Duke of Kent will attend the Society of Electronic and Radio Technicians' thirtieth anniversary banquet at Glaziers' Hall on February 12.

The Duke of Kent will visit the School of Maritime Operations at HMS Dryad, Portsmouth, Hampshire, on February 13.

The Duchess of Kent will attend a concert given by the Royal College of Music String Ensemble at Middle Temple Hall on February 13.

The Duke of Kent, President of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, will visit Brookwood Cemetery, Surrey, on February 14, and later as Chancellor, will visit Surrey University.

The Duke of Kent, vice-chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit the Motorola Company at East Kilbride, and, as Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, will attend a concert given by the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama at the Athenaeum Theatre, Glasgow, on February 18.

The Duchess of Kent will open the Exeter and Devon Arts Centre and the Clifton Hill Sports Hall, Exeter, on March 13.

The Duchess of Kent will open St Katherine's Court, King's Lynn, Norfolk, on March 15.

The Duchess of Kent, as patron, will visit the Shrewsbury branch of the Samaritans, the Derwen Training College for the Disabled, and the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital at Oswestry, Shropshire, on March 19.

The Duke of Kent will open the Kent Fire Brigade's new control and command centre at Maidstone, on March 20.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Edward Boyle Memorial Trust, will attend the memorial lecture at the Royal Society of Arts on March 20.

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the Unitedd Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, will attend a concert given by the Bach Choir at the Albert Hall on March 21.

The Duchess of Kent will lay the foundation stone of the second phase of St George's Hospital, Tooting, on March 21.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, will attend the tercentenary celebrations of The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment at Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, on March 23.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the Westminster Voice of the Cathedral Appeal, will attend the reopening of the Grand Organ, Westminster Cathedral, on March 25.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. D. Adams and Miss K. M. Dorning

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs N. S. Adams of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Katherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Dorning, of Bickley, Kent.

Dr C. J. H. Bland and Miss M. C. Morris Jones

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel J. E. M. Bland and of Mrs N. M. Bland, of Little Hall, Stutton, Suffolk, and Margaret, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V. Morris Jones, of Little Sir Hughes, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, Essex.

Mr S. T. Lawrence and Miss V. E. Russell

The engagement is announced between Stephen, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Charles Lawrence, of Newark, Ohio, and Victoria, daughter of the late Major Raymond Russell and of Mrs Ingeborg Russell, of Benenden, Kent.

Mr S. J. Morris and Miss J. M. Carroll

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs P. J. Morris, of Mangotsfield, Avon, and Janet Madeline, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. H. Carroll, of Farringdon, Oxfordshire.

Mr R. J. Nabarro and Miss H. M. Ramsay

The engagement is announced between Richard James, son of Mr and Mrs C. Nabarro, of Ealing, London, and Hilary Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Ramsay, of Caston, Norfolk.

Mr D. D. B. Rushmer and Miss F. J. Acworth

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Lawrence Rushmer, of Hartlepool, Cleveland, and Fiona, younger daughter of Major and Mrs Hugh Acworth, of Bicester, Oxfordshire.

Mr S. W. Tennant and Miss S. de L. Crammond

The engagement is announced between Simon William, son of Mr and Mrs W. W. Tennant, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Sarah de Lisle, daughter of Major and Mrs I. R. Crammond, of Letchworth, Hertfordshire.

University news

Kent
Appointment
Lecturership: Mr A Jastrzebski, MSc (Technical University of Warsaw) electronics from December 1.

Pope John Paul delivering his statement on world peace yesterday.

Pope sees a glimmer of hope in arms talks

Pope John Paul said yesterday that the new round of arms talks between the United States and the Soviet Union offered a glimmer of hope but that only a radical change in relations between nations would ensure lasting peace.

In one of his most comprehensive statements on the arms race the Pope, who was speaking to thousands of people in St Peter's Square on the Roman Catholic Church's World Day of Peace, said that the talks this month in Geneva offered "a glimmer of hope" after more that a year of doubts.

But he added: "All will be fragile and precarious until a new philosophy of international relations is affirmed, renouncing egoistic or ideological interests that fuel tensions, hate, subversions..."

The talks could be successful, the Pope said, if both sides realized they risk mutual destruction, if the dialogue was honest and if sufficient systems of verification were accepted.

"The way of negotiations is a choice o wisdom even if the path will not be easy. Every time the sides return to the table they find ever more vast and intricate problems. Armaments of unheard of complexity and power are being examined", he said.

He said that the conflicting calculations of experts escaped the comprehension of the common man, "whose soul is gripped by anguish because of the threat of destruction that hangs over humanity".

Pope John Paul said that the energies and resources freed by disarmament should be used to solve major human problems, including world hunger and human development.

"If this should happen not only will East-West relations change but also North-South", he said.

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR ALAN PREST

Authority on public finance

Professor Alan Prest, an economist well known internationally as a distinguished authority on public finance, died in London on December 22 at the age of 65. He was Professor of Economics at the London School of Economics.

Alan Richmond Prest was born in Yorkshire on March 1, 1919. Educated at Archbishop Holgate's School in York, he went up to Clare College, Cambridge, shortly before the war. After serving in the army he returned to Cambridge to embark upon an academic career, first as Adelaide Stoll research student at Christ's College and from 1946 to 1948 as research worker in the recently formed Department of Applied Economics.

He spent 1948-9 in America as a Rockefeller Fellow, and on returning he was appointed University Lecturer in Economics at Cambridge. In 1950 Christ's College elected him Fellow, and in 1954 Tutor. From 1955 until he left Cambridge in 1964 he served as Bursar to the college.

Publication in 1948 of his first substantial research – *The War Economics of Primary Producing Countries* marked the start of an enduring interest in policy problems facing third world countries. In 1950 the Colonial Office invited him to conduct a survey of the Nigerian economy, following upon constitutional developments that were eventually to lead to independence. *The National Income of Nigeria, 1950-51* was the result, published in 1953.

A Fiscal Survey of the British Caribbean followed in 1957: an excellent textbook. *Public Finance in Under-Developed Countries* followed in 1962, and *Transport Economics in Developing Countries* (1969) gave further proof of Prest's wise counsel to new nations.

Immensely energetic and unsparing of himself in his devotion to teaching – his lectures set exemplary standards – and to administrative duties he still found time both for serious research and for more popular forms of writing. In 1954 he contributed the third volume to a monumental series dealing with the UK national income and expenditure – *Consumers Expenditure in the UK 1900-1919*.

His most characteristic book, entitled *Public Finance in Theory and Practice* appeared in 1960. It drew wide acclaim. A sixth edition written jointly with Mr N. A. Barr, came out in 1979.

By the early 1960s Prest was firmly established as an economist of the highest quality. Yet as with a select few of his economist colleagues then at Cambridge an independent outlook put him out of sympathy with views then prevalent in that Faculty. In 1964 he moved to the University of Manchester to become Professor of Economic and Public Finance, and from 1968 until 1970 the Stanley Jevons Professor of Political Economy.

In 1966 he initiated, with his Manchester colleague, D. J. Coppock, a very successful text in applied economics, *The UK Economy*, now into its 10th edition. In 1967 he presided over the economics section "F" of the British Association. From 1970 until his retirement in 1984 he held the Chair of Economics (with special reference to the public sector) at the London School of Economics. His expertise on a broad range of fiscal questions was constantly in demand both overseas and at home.

Visiting apppointments in America, Australia and Japan; membership of the Departmental Committee on Liquor Licensing in 1971-72 and the Royal Commission on Civil Liability and Compensation for Personal Injury from 1973 to 1978; treasurer of the Royal Economic Society from 1971-75; membership of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission from 1983, were among his manifold activities.

Until his retirement he had for many years edited *The Three Banks Review*. Papers in journals, books and pamphlets on fiscal issues, notably a monograph on *The Taxation of Urban Land* (1981) all served to emphasise his great intellectual authority and practical grasp within his chosen field.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline, whom he married in 1945 and by their two sons and a daughter.

MR HUBERT SMITH

Mr Hubert Smith, for 20 years chief agent for the National Trust, died on Boxing Day at the age of 85. He was a man whose professional concern for the English heritage reflected a deep affection for all the best things of his native land – its people, its church and churches, its birds and beasts (particularly its birds), its trees and plants (particularly its plants), its language and its pastimes.

Hubert John Forster Smith was born on August 12 1899, the second son and youngest child of A. L. Smith, Master of Balliol. He was named after Hubert Howard, a family friend, *The Times'* correspondent at the battle of Omdurman, who had been killed a few months earlier by a stray British shell as he was approaching the Mahdi's tomb in the company of the Sirdar, Lord Kitchener. He was educated at Magdalen College School and Balliol, getting his half-blue for hockey and serving briefly at the war's end as an officer in the Coldstream Guards.

He had read rural economics at Oxford, and after a few preliminary jobs was, at the early age of 25, given responsibility for looking after the Cliveden estates and its surrounding farm. This was a fascinating post but not an easy one, requiring of the young couple (he had recently married) all their reserves of energy and tact.

A direct telephone line connected their small house with the great one, and along it could come at any time of the day or night, usually from Nancy Astor, orders on behalf of guests which had to be obeyed, however difficult, whether these were for out of season peaches for the Maharajah of Mysore or a supply of mixed nuts for Bernard Shaw. But Smith felt loyalty and affection for both his highly individualist employers, particularly for Waldorf Astor, which were reciprocated.

In 1942 Lord Astor gave Cliveden to the National Trust and Smith moved with it to their new employer, but in a job specially created for him which gave him much greater scope. His duties as the trust's first chief land agent included looking after all the estates belonging to the trust (but not the buildings or their contents).

After the war, when the Labour Government's legislation encouraged owners to minimize death duties by handing over houses and land to the trust, the number of its properties expanded rapidly, Smith's responsibilities increasing correspondingly. He was now constantly on the move in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (Scotland has its own trust), assessing properties being offered and keeping a watchful eye on those already in the trust's care. His calm good sense, wide knowledge, and sympathetically businesslike approach made for many landowners the wrench of surrender a much less painful process than it would otherwise have been.

After his retirement in 1961 Smith went to live in Dorset, becoming active in a great number of local concerns where his experience was invaluable.

He had married in 1923 Diana Watkin, and last year saw the sixtieth anniversary of a particularly happy partnership. They had three sons, the second being Anthony Smith, the author, broadcaster and balloonist.

CECILIA LADY SEMPILL

A correspondent writes:

Cecilia Lady Sempill, widow of the late Lord Sempill, died on December 19. She was born Cecilia Alice Dunbar-Kilburn and in her young days was a talented sculptor. She studied at the Royal College of Art and was part of the distinguished generation of students that emerged from the college at the end of the 1920s.

She is still remembered for the taste and enterprise she showed in the late 1930s when she and the Registrar of the college, the late Athol Hay, jointly founded a business they called Dunbar-Hay to commission and sell newly designed furnishings, pottery, textiles and the like.

An example of the pieces they commissioned is a set of dining-room chairs by the late Eric Ravilious, the only furniture he designed. Their highly promising enterprise was brought to an end by the outbreak of war.

Cecilia Dunbar-Kilburn married Lord Sempill in 1941 as his second wife. They had three daughters. After Lord Sempill's death in 1965 she lived mostly in Suffolk, where she died. But she retained an apartment in the Sempill family house, Craigievar Castle, Aberdeenshire (now in the hands of the Scottish National Trust) which she had worked devotedly to maintain and restore, displaying her impeccable taste while doing so.

Gayelord Hauser, an American dietician and author, whose best known book, *Look Younger, Live Longer*, sold in some 30 countries, has died in Hollywood, aged 89. He popularized the natural food cult and listed several world celebrities among his following.

Margaret Countess of Norbury, widow of the fifth Earl of Norbury, died on December 30. She was the daughter of J. K. Greenhalgh, of Hoylake, Cheshire, and she married Lord Norbury as his second wife in 1933. He died in 1955.

CHANNING SCHOOL

In its centenary year congratulates The Times on its bicentenary.

Centenary celebrations will take place on 30 March.

For calendar of events, please write to:
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Birthdays today

Professor Isaac Asimov, 65; Mr David Bailey, 47; the Duke of Devonshire, 65; Professor Sir Kingsley Dunham, 75; Mr Walter Harrison, MP, 64; Sir Harold Hillier, 80; Mr M. C. St J. Hornby, 86; Sir Anthony Lincoln, 74; Major Sir Philip Margetson, 91; Lord Nelson of Stafford, 68; Mr Edmund de Rothschild, 69; Vice-Admiral Sir Guy Sayer, 82; Air Marshal Sir Ernest Sidey, 72; Sir Michael Tippett, OM, CH, 80; Lord Trend, 71; Dr Rachel Waterhouse, 62; the Right Rev Kenneth Woollcombe, 61; Sir Philip de Zulueta, 60.

Latest wills

Archibald Victor Dudley Gordon, 5th Marquess of Aberdeen and Temair, of Haughley Grange, Haughley, Stowmarket, Suffolk, who as Archie Gordon, was BBC Radio producer and Parliamentary Lobby correspondent, produced the weekly programme *The Week in Westminster* from 1946 to 1966, and then became editor, radio documentaries and talks from 1967 to 1972, left estate valued at £265,980 net.

Elisabeth Doris Sonnenberg, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, left estate valued at £475,095 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Davis, Mr Herbert Charles, of Belton, Uppingham, Leicestershire £220,072
Graber, Mrs Phyllis, of Highgate West Hill, London £404,391
King, Hilda May, of Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex £278,171
Milanovic, Mrs Avis Dora, of Ashington, West Sussex £293,604
Parrott, Mr Denley Walter, of Carterton, Oxfordshire £202,461
Read, Mrs Kate Elizabeth Mary, of Frinton-on-Sea, Essex £242,398
Smith, Mr Ronald Thomas Fryer, of Fulwood Park, Liverpool £225,075

Science report

Caught in the sand scorpion's tender trap

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A chance observation by two scientists has led to one of the most remarkable discoveries about the way of the more vicious little creatures among the world's wildlife catches its prey.

The creature is the sand scorpion, *Paruroctonus mesaensis*. The discovery that it was able to detect vibrations caused in sand – not a good medium for transmitting siesmic signals – by the movement of an insect as delicate as a moth was made by Dr Philip Brownell of Oregon State University and Dr Roger Farley of the University of California at Riverside.

The two scientists were observing the night-time behaviour of a colony of sand scorpions on a dune in the southern Mojave desert near Palm Springs, southern California. Occasionally a moth, attracted to the lanterns used by the scientists, would touch on the sand, sending a scorpion scuttling toward the insect.

The observers then tried a small experiment. They found that a moth trapped, above ground, near to one of the predators, even when beating its wings furiously, caused no response. Appently the scorpion could not direct the presence, in the air, of its prey.

So, as a further test, the scientists disturbed the sand with a twig. This triggered a vigorous attack, presumably generated solely by the mechanical vibrations.

The chance observation which led to the research that eventually showed how the sand scorpion finds its prey is described by Dr Brownell in the current issue of *Scientific American*.

He says there was reason for suspecting that the creature might have an unusual prey-detection mechanism. For one thing, it is rather primitive arthropod – a family which includes insects, arachnids and crustaceans – and it lacks the sophisticated visual, auditory and olefactory senses that guide other predators to their prey.

Furthermore, scorpions are nocturnal animals, emerging from their burrows only at night to feed and mate. Given their poor eyesight, it is unlikely that visual information could account for their effectiveness as night hunters. Lastly, there is the remarkable ability of scorpions to detect subsurface prey, which they dig out with large pincers. A creature that is shortsighted, and cannot hear or smell must have some other facility for detecting its prey.

The scorpion also fluoresces at night if an ultraviolet light, invisible to the normal eye, is shone on the creature.

The night-time behaviour of the creatures was observed in subsequent experiments by bathing the sand dunes on which scorpions were living.

One of the aspects which intrigued the scientists was the type of sensitive detector involved. But they were even more fascinated to learn how the creature could pinpoint its prey with such accuracy.

Plenty of experiments have been done to show that various animals can detect a disturbance in the ground, but they have the same difficulty as human beings encounter in trying to pinpoint the epicentre of an earthquake. The problem is worse in sand, which is a poor transmitter of mechanical vibrations.

Observations of scorpions in their natural habitat and under controlled conditions in the laboratory showed that they had extraordinarily sensitive receptors on their legs. Tiny hairs on the part of the leg touching the ground form delicate probes between grains of sand, and they provide the information from which the location of the disturbance is found.

Law Report January 2 1985

When tribunals should give reasons

Regina v Social Security Commissioner, Ex parte Sewell

Before Mr Justice Woolf

Judgment delivered December 17

In appropriate cases it would be desirable if social security commissioners gave very short reasons for refusing leave to appeal against decisions of national insurance local tribunals.

Mr Justice Woolf so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on an application by John Paul Sewell for judicial review by way of orders of certiorari to quash decisions of the Huddersfield National Insurance Local Tribunal and of the Social Security Commissioners.

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicant; Mr David Latham for the commissioners.

MR JUSTICE WOOLF said that the application raised a matter of some importance in which the views of the Court of Appeal would be welcomed.

The position with regard to appeals from the national insurance local tribunal, which were now called social security tribunals, was that there was a right of appeal to the Social Security Commissioner only with the leave of the commissioner.

The right of appeal was not limited to a point of law and was in respect of both law and fact, and if the appeal took place with leave, the commissioner could consider the matter *de novo*.

If there was no appeal or if leave to appeal was refused, then the decision of the tribunal was final. If the commisisoner gave leave and heard the appeal, there was a right of appeal on a point of law to the Court of Appeal either with leave of the commissioner or of the Court of Appeal.

If the commissioner refused leave to appeal then there was no right of appeal to the Court of Appeal in respect of a refusal of leave to appeal.

As a matter of principle, commissioners should not, as a matter of law be required to give reasons for decisions to refuse leave to appeal. In practice, commissioners did not give reasons, so that unless their decisions could be shown to be perverse it was extremely difficult for the High Court to intervene.

The burdens on commissioners were very heavy ones indeed. If they were required to give reasons in every case that would create a wholly unacceptable burden.

However there were cases which called out for reasons to be given in a very short form if leave was going to be refused. The reason might be no more than "no point of principle" or "question of fact" or "point already determined", something to indicate to the applicant that the application for leave had been properly and carefully considered. Those comments applied to cases which required that approach.

The Court of Appeal had already indicated that the High Court should review bodies in this field and that indicated the desirability of that course being followed if appropriate.

The case dealt with the situation where the person claiming unemployment benefit was only employed for part of a week.

The effect of the legislation was that a person did not get unemployment benefit for the days he did not work if the person did not ordinarily work on every day of the week and the person was employed to the full extent normal in his case.

If a person was ordinarily employed three days a week and was employed for three days then he would get no unemployment benefit. If he was ordinarily employed six day a week and only worked three days, then he could get unemployment benefit.

The applicant contended that notwithstanding that he was working part-time, he was a person entitled to unemployment benefit for the days he was not working.

The applicant was employed by Kirkless Metropolitan Council under a community enterprise scheme for three days a week. On his appeal from the decision of the insurance officer which was adverse to him, the tribunal felt bound to accept the only evidence of present employment, namely the letter to the claimant from Kirklees and could not consider as merely temporary a contract for part time work for 52 weeks.

In refusing leave to appeal the commissioner merely stated "leave to appeal refused". The appeal to the commissioner raised matters of some significance. There was many cases with the sort of scheme in which the applicant was engaged. There was no decision by the commissioners on those types of circumstances.

The tribunal's findings could be findings of fact though they had the appearance of findings of mixed fact and law. It was at least arguable that the tribunal was not approaching the matter in a proper manner and elevating their approach to facts as one of law.

It would have been helpful if the commissioner had indicated reasons why he refused leave to appeal. The case certainly came close to the situation in which the court would intervene.

But it seemed to his Lordship that he should not proceed further, but instead order that the matter be remitted to the commissioner so that he should be invited to give reasons for refusing leave.

Solicitors: Mr Roger Smith: Solicitor, DHSS.

Garden can be a need

Enfield London Borough Council v French

A council tenant's need for a garden in which to pursue his hobbies, including gardening, was capable of being a "need" of the tenant for the purposes of Schedule 4 to the Housing Act 1980, which provided, *inter alia*, that a county court must be satisfied that the alternative accommodation offered by a council to a secure tenant was reasonably suitable for his needs before it could grant the council possession of the property currently occupied by him.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Stephenson and Lord Justice Robert Goff) so held on December 13, dismissing an appeal by Mr Eric Charles French from an order of Barnet County Court (Judge Stockdale) on November 10, 1983, whereby Enfield London Borough Council had been granted possession of premises occupied by the appellant as a secure council tenant.

The county court had held that the alternative accommodation offered by the council was suitable for the appellant's needs despite the fact that it had no garden and the appellant's contention that he needed a garden for his hobbies.

Half-yearly promotions in the Forces

Royal Navy

The provisional selections for promotion to date December 31, announced 28 June 1984, are confirmed. The following provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections have been made for promotion to date *June 30 1984*.

GENERAL LIST
SEAMAN
Commander to Captain: J M Neville-Rolfe; R J Lowndes; M C Gordon-Lennox; M D Bracelin; C G H Campbell, E M Hackett; W C McKnight; S Taylor; R C Lane-Nott; A W J West.
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The Army

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Royal Air Force

The following RAF promotions are announced: effective from January 1, 1985:

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Air Vice Marshal to Air Marshal: Sir Joseph Gilbert.
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Group Captain to Air Commodore: T E Benson; R J Honey; R M Robson; M J C Burton; A A G Woodford; G C Williams; R E Johns, D O Crwys-Williams; R A F Wilson; C J Thomson, L Wing.
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Wing Commander to Group Captain: G M Boddy; P J Gray.
Squadron Leader to Wing Commander: B C Pratt; A Calleway; T C Willbond; G Stewart; P M B Nixon; S D McCulloch; D Roberts.
Flight Lieutenant to Squadron Leader: M C A Clarke; A McGrath; W P Canny; J A Smith; H F Gray-Wallis; B Coombs; C C Trundle; K Harris.
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Wing Commander to Group Captain: E D J Dippet; J N Mitchell.
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TO bring out a New Paper at the present day; when so many others are already established and confirmed in the public opinion, is certainly an arduous undertaking; and no one can be more fully aware of its difficulties than I am: I, nevertheless, entertain very sanguine hopes, that the nature of the plan on which this paper will be conducted, will ensure it a moderate share at least of public favour; but my pretensions to encouragement, however strong they may appear in my own eyes, must be tried before a tribunal not liable to be blinded by *self-opinion*: to that tribunal I shall now, as I am bound to do, submit these pretensions with deference, and the public will judge whether they are well or ill founded.

It is very far from my intention to detract from the acknowledged merit of the Daily Papers now in existence; it is sufficient that they please the class of readers whose approbation their conductors are ambitious to deserve; nevertheless it is certain some of the best, some of the most respectable, and some of the most useful members of the community, have frequently complained (and the causes of their complaints still exist) that by radical defects in the plans of the present established papers, they were deprived of many advantages, which ought naturally to result from daily publications. Of these some build their fame on the length and accuracy of parliamentary reports, which unquestionably are given with great ability, and with a laudable zeal to please those, who can spare time to read ten or twelve columns of debates. Others are principally attentive to the politics of the day, and make it their study to give satisfaction to the numerous class of politicians, who, blessed with easy circumstances, have nothing better to do, than to amuse themselves with watching the motions of ministers both at home and abroad; and endeavouring to find out the secret springs that set in motion the great machine of government in every state and empire in the world. There is one paper which in no degree interferes with the pursuits of its cotemporaries; it looks upon parliamentary debates as sacred mysteries, that cannot be submitted to vulgar eyes without profanation; political investigations it apprehends to be little short of treason, and therefore *loyally* abstains from them; it deals almost solely in advertisements; and consequently, though a very useful, it is by no means an entertaining paper. Thus it would seem that every News-Paper published in London is calculated for a particular set of readers only; so that if each set were to change its favourite publication for another, the commutation would produce disgust, and dissatisfaction to all; the politician would then find nothing to amuse him but long accounts of petty squabbles about trifles in Parliament, or panegyrics on the men and measures that he most disliked; or libels on those whom he most revered. The person to whom parliamentary debates afford unspeakable delight, would find himself bored with political speculations about the measures that the different courts in Europe might probably adopt; or disgusted with whole pages of advertisements, in which he felt no concern;—whilst the plain shop-keeper who wanted to find a convenient house for his business, and the servant who purchased his paper in hopes of seeing in it an advertisement directing where he might find a place to suit him, would have their labour for their pains, in perusing publications, filled with senatorial debates, or political essays and remarks, which would direct them to nothing less than the house or place they wanted.—A News-Paper, conducted on the true and natural principles of such a publication, ought to be the Register of the times, and faithful recorder of every species of intelligence; it ought not to be engrossed by any particular object; but, like a well covered table, it should contain something suited to every palate: observations on the dispositions of our own and of foreign courts should be provided for the political reader; debates should be reported for the amusement or information of those who may be particularly fond of them; and a due attention should be paid to the interests of trade, which are so greatly promoted by advertisements.—A paper that should blend all these advantages, and by steering clear of extremes, hit the happy medium, has long been expected by the public.—Such, it is intended, shall be the UNIVERSAL REGISTER, the great objects of which will be to facilitate the *commercial* intercourse between the different parts of the community, through the channel of *Advertisements*; to record the principal occurrences of the times; and to abridge the account of debates during the sitting of Parliament.

It is no less the interest of the proprietors of News-Papers, than of the public, that every encouragement should be given to advertising correspondents; yet this private interest of the proprietors is frequently sacrificed to the rage for parliamentary debates, to the great injury of trade; for the extreme length of these debates so greatly retards the publication of the New-Papers which are noted for detailed accounts of them, that the advantages arising from this species of intelligence, though highly acceptable in itself, are frequently over-balanced by the inconvienences occasioned to people in business by the delay. These inconveniences are great and many; it generally happens, that when either House of Parliament has been engaged in the discussion of an important question till after midnight, the papers in which the speeches of the Members are reported at large, cannot be published before noon; nay, they sometimes are not even sent to press so soon; consequently parties interested in *sales* are essentially injured, as the advertisements, inviting the public to attend them at *ten* or *twelve* o'clock, do not appear, on account of a late publication, till some hours after.—From the same source flows another inconvenience; it is sometimes found necessary to *defer* sales, after they have been advertised for a particular day; but the notice of putting them off not appearing early enough, on account of the late hour at which the papers containing it are published, numbers of people, acting under the impression of former advertisements, are unnecessarily put to the trouble of attending.—It will be the object of the *Universal Register* to guard against these great inconveniences, without depriving its readers of the pleasure of learning what passes in Parliament.—It is intended, then, that the debates shall be regularly reported in it; but on the other hand, that the publication may not be delayed to the prejudice of people in trade, the speeches will not be given on a large scale; the *substance* shall be faithfully preserved; but all the uninteresting parts will be omitted. I shall thus be enabled to publish this paper at an early hour; and I propose to bring it out *regularly* every morning at *six* o'clock. The *Universal Register* will therefore have this advantage over the *Daily Advertiser*, that, though published as early, it will contain a substantial account of the proceedings in Parliament the preceding night, which is never to be found in that paper; and compared with the other morning papers it will be found to have the merit of containing in substance, what they give in long detail (which men in business cannot well spare time to read) and, nevertheless, of being published much sooner. These circumstances, it is hoped, will give the *Universal Register* at least an *equal* claim to public favour with the parliamentary papers, and the *trading* part of the metropolis, it is presumed, will find it their advantage to give it the preference.

An essential part of the plan of this new paper is, that, for the convenience of advertising correspondents, their favours shall, *to a certainty*, be inserted on the very day that they shall direct; provided they deliver them at the office in due time. For the *strict* observance of this rule, the credit of the paper shall stand pledged; and its pretensions to public countenance will be renounced, if this fundamental principle in its institution shall ever be violated, except in cases of absolute necessity, which human prudence cannot prevent.—And here I beg it may be understood that I do not make use of the word *necessity* as a reserve, under colour of which, I may, whenever I think fit, be released from my engagements; I mean by that word a necessity arising from accidents that sometimes happen in the printing business, and from which, the most careful man cannot, at all times, be secure. But so far from wishing to shrink from my engagements, I intend, whenever the length of the Gazette, Parliamentary Debates, &c. shall render it impossible for me to insert all the advertisements promised for the day, in *one* sheet, to print an additional half sheet, and publish it with the ordinary paper without any additional charge to my customers.—From the difficulty that people experience in procuring the insertion of their advertisements even in the *Daily Advertiser*; and particularly from the impossibility of obtaining an *early* insertion at some periods of the year, it may be presumed that this regulation will greatly recommend the UNIVERSAL REGISTER to public notice, and procure it support.

These, though in my opinion good, are not the *only* grounds on which I build my hopes of success. I flatter myself, I have some claim to public encouragement, on account of a great improvement which I have made in the art of printing. The inconveniences attending the old and tedious mode of composing with letters taken up *singly*, first suggested the idea of devising some more expeditious method. The cementing of several letters together, so as that the type of a *whole word* might be taken up in as short a time as that of a *single letter*, was the result of much reflection on that subject. But the bare idea of cementing was merely the opening, not the accomplishment or perfection of the improvement. The fount consisting of types of words, and not of letters, was to be so arranged, as that a compositor should be able to find the former with as much facility as he can the latter. This was a work of inconceivable difficulty. I undertook it however, and was fortunate enough, after an infinite number of experiments, and great labour, to bring it to a happy conclusion. The whole English language is now methodically and systematically arranged at my fount: so that printing can now be performed with greater dispatch, and at less expence, than according to the mode hitherto in use.

In bringing this work to perfection, I had not my own advantage solely in view; I wished to be useful to the community; and it is with pleasure I see that the public will derive considerable benefit from my industry; for I have resolved to sell the REGISTER *One halfpenny* UNDER the price paid for seven out of eight of the morning

papers; however I indulge a hope that this sacrifice which I make of the usual profits of printing, will be felt by a generous public; and that they will so far favour me with advertisements, as to enable me to defray the heavy expences attending the literary departments in the paper, and to make a livelihood for myself and my family.—The favour that I now earnestly solicit, I shall diligently labour to preserve, without entertaining a presumptuous wish that I may enjoy it one moment longer, than I shall be found to deserve it.

The *Register*, in its politics, will be of no party: weakened as the country is by a long and expensive war, and rent by intestine divisions, nothing but the union of all parties can save it from destruction. Moderate men, therefore, I trust, will countenance a paper, which has for one of its objects to cool the animosities, stifle the resentments' manage the personal honour, and reconcile the principals of contending parties: while the favours of those will be courted, who support principles, by fair *argument*, and think that a good cause may be injured by personalities, and low invective, the correspondence of such as descend to illiberal abuse, and attack the *man* rather than the *measure*, will always be disregarded. The *Register*, instead of dealing in scurrilities and abusing the great men in power, or the great men out of power; or, instead of deifying the one or the other, will reserve to itself a right of censuring or applauding either, as their conduct may occasionally appear proper or improper.

If censure should be thought necessary, it shall be conveyed in language suited to the respect that is due to the public, before whose tribunal the individual is arraigned; and no provocation shall be deemed an excuse for illiberal abuse, or personality.

Nothing shall ever find a place in the *Universal Register*, that can tend to wound the ear of delicacy, or corrupt the heart: vice shall never be suffered there to wear the garb of virtue: To hold out the former in alluring colours, would strike at the very root of morality; and, concealing the native deformity of vice, might seduce unsuspecting innocence from the paths of virtue.

As a News-Paper ought to be at the service of the Public, by whom it is supported, I shall not hold myself excuseable, through the example of others, in opening the *Register* to one kind of advertisers, and partially shutting it against others: I hold that I have a right to consider only whether the advertisements offered for insertion contain any thing contrary to law or morality; and that, if they do not, I should violate my duty to the public, in refusing to insert them when paid for. A News-Paper in this particular ought to resemble an *Inn*, where the proprietor is *obliged* to give the use of his house to all travellers, who are ready to pay for it, and against whose persons there is no legal or moral objection.

The miscellaneous articles of intelligence will be regularly arranged under the heads of *Theatres, Trials, Ship News, Market Prices, Bills of Entry, Prices Courant, Stocks, Promotions, Marriages, Deaths, &c.* Though it is intended that faithful accounts shall be given of all remarkable trials at law, still those will be more particularly attended to, in which the mercantile world may be most interested. In a word, no pains or expence will be spared, that can render the *Universal Register* of utility to the public.

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Such is the plan that Mr. WALTER has laid down for the conduct of his paper: he now sends it forth into the world, in hopes that it will appear to the public deserving of their encouragement. For his own part, he will no longer expect their countenance and favour, than he shall be found strictly to adhere to the engagements into which he now enters, in this sketch that he humbly begs leave to lay before them.

J. WALTER.

⁂ Advertisements, Essays, real Articles of Intelligence, &c. to which great attention will be paid, will be taken in at the OFFICE in *Printing-house Square*; and for the greater convenience of the distant parts of the town, at Mr. SEARLE's, Grocer, No. 55, *Oxford-street*; Mr. THRALE's, Pastry Cook, *opposite the Admiralty*; M. WILSON's LIBRARY, No. 45, *Lombard-street*; Mr. PRATT's, Green Grocer, No. 84, *Wapping*; and Mr. STERNEY, No. 156, *opposite St. George's Church, Borough.*

⁂ The Ladies and Gentlemen who may be pleased to take in this Paper, may be supplied with it by any of the NEWSMEN.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Yesterday arrived the Mails from France *and* Flanders, *which brought the following news.*

Nuremberg, Nov. 25, 1784.

THE agreement concluded between the Emperor's commissaries and those of the Circle of Franconia, with regard to the necessary supply of provisions of every kind for the Imperial troops during their march through the Circle, to the Low Countries, is in substance as follows: 1st, each soldier and non-commissioned officer shall receive at their lodgings, half a pound of flesh, two pounds of bread, roots and a pot of beer, or a bottle of wine, at the rate of 8 kreutzers; 2d, each horse shall have 8 pounds of oats, 10 pounds of hay, and half a truss of straw, at 30 kreutzers; 3d, waggons drawn by four horses or six oxen, may be paid at the rate of 2 florins per head; 4th, nothing more than what is contained in the first article shall be exacted from those who quarter the troops, and whatever surplus they may give shall be paid for in ready money; 5th, officers and all persons following the army, must pay ready money for whatever they contract for.

We are assured that the commissaries of the Circle have requested of those of the Emperor, to insert in this conversation that, in consequence of the dearth of grain, and particularly of forage, it would be impossible for the Circle, in case of another march through their State, to furnish the troops with supplies; and that they intended addressing his Imperial Majesty on this point.

Francfort, Dec. 16. The military chest is to be established in this city, and to be guarded by the regiment of Priess, which will remain here during the winter. It seems our town will be the rendezvous of a considerable part of the Austrian army, for within these few days we have had 85 commissaries for provisions. Enlisting is carried on with the greatest success in this city and neighbourhood.

On the 7th 300 of Wormser's hussars passed through Hof; 13,019 of the Imperial troops, with 721 horses, were expected in the environs of Landibus, on the 17th current.

The Swiss have refused granting troops to the Dutch.

Cologne, Dec. 21. We learn from Baruth, that on the morning of the 11th instant, the regiment of Coubourg passed through there on their way to Luxembourg.

By letters from Nuremberg of the 13th, we learn, that 25 postilions preceded by an officer, two gentlemen, eight Imperial chasseurs, leading fifty-two saddle horses, belonging to the Emperor, arrived the 6th current at Ratisbonne, and that they are to be followed by two waggons loaded with his Majesty's kitchen furniture.

Orders are given to prepare quarters for the Emperor, at the White Lamb at Nuremberg, and on the 12th and on the 13th at night, the whole of the above mentioned cavalcade entered this city. On the 13th, a large body of Imperial troops passed through Neustadt-An-der-hard, which is to be followed by many other corps, all destined for the Low Countries.

Prince Kaunitz Ritsbourg, Chancellor of State, has disappeared for some days; his place is filled by Vice Chancellor, Count de Cobentzel. On the 3d, dispatches were received from the Imperial Ambassador, at Paris, which employed his Imperial Majesty the whole afternoon; he was the entire evening in his closet, and not at leisure to assist at the opera, as he intended. His Majesty has absolutely rejected the last propositions for a reconciliation from the Court of France, and insists upon the free and unlimited navigation of the Scheld. The declared opposition of France would not change this resolution, as his Majesty's dignity is at stake. The Emperor has often made known these dispositions; he has even been heard to say, that he might forgive an attack from a crowned head, but that he could never forgive the injury done to by the Dutch. According to the declaration of the French Court, although conceived in general, yet friendly terms, it is not imagined that it will openly oppose the Austrians. Who is unacquainted with the powerful influence which the Count de Vergennes and his party have, to inspire the King with other counsels, when fully convinced of his Majesty's invincible resolution? Mean time we see innumerable couriers, and the dispatches are sealed by the Chancellor in person. On the other hand, the King of France's letter, so emphatically mentioned, has existed only in the brains of newsmongers. The truth is, the ministry of Versailles, on the 20th of November, sent a sufficiently energetic memoir to our Cabinet; it was delivered on the 27th of the same month, by the Marquis de Noailles: it is certain no answer was made to it on the 4th current.

Antwerp, Dec. 23. Although the Emperor has accepted the mediation of France, his resolution is, let the result be what it may, to maintain constantly 40,000 men in the Low Countries, to be ready on any emergency. Lodgings are still preparing here for the army; a body of waggoners arrived here, with 100 horses from Luxembourg, for the Emperor's service.

Leige, Dec. 19. His Highness our gracious Prince was this morning consecrated Bishop, by the Marquis of Hoensbroek, Bishop of Ruremonde, assisted by the Abbots of St. Lawrence and St. Giles. This august ceremony was performed in the chapel of the palace, with the usual formalities, and with the most edifying dvotions without any ostentatious preparation. To-morrow being theday appointed for inauguration, there will be no illuminations. His Highness wishes they may be suppressed, and in conformity to his paternal views the expences attending them will be converted to objects more useful, and more pleasing to his beneficent heart.

Letters from Sicily inform, that a 24 gun ship, belonging to Chevalier Emo's squadron, sunk in a storm, and that the second in command of her, died in a wound he had received at the bombardment of Suje.

Paris, Dec. 20. We are informed of an answer made by the King of Prussia to the Commandant of Cleves, who wanted to know of his Majesty how he was to act if the Austrian troops should attempt to pass through his territories—The answer was, "That if the Austrian troops marched towards the Dutchy of Cleves, he should tell them they had mistaken the way; if they persisted, he should make prisoners of them; and if they resisted, kill them."

"Signed, *Frederick.*"

LONDON.

Yesterday their Majesties came from Windsor, and last night honoured the Theatre with their presence.

This day being New-Year's Day, their Majesties will appear in the drawing room at St. James's, and receive the compliments of the nobility, gentry, and foreign ministers on the occasion of the day. The following Ode, composed by Paul Whitehead, Esq. Poet Laureat, will be sung in the great Council Chamber.

ODE FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Jan. 1st, 1785.

DELUSIVE is the poet's dream,
Or does prophetic truth inspire
The zeal which prompts the glowing theme
And animates th' according Lyre?
Trust the Muse: her eye commands
Distant times, and distant lands
Thro' bursting clouds in opening skies,
Sees from discord union rise,
And friendship bind unwilling foes
In firmer ties than duty knows.
Torn rudely from its parent tree
Yon Scion, rising in the West,
Will soon its genuine glory see,
And court again the fostering breast
Whose pasture gave its powers to spread
And feel their force, and lift an alien head.
The parent tree, when storms impend,
Shall own affection's warmth again,
Again its fostering aid shall lend
Nor hear the suppliant plead in vain,
Shall stretch protecting branches round,
Extend the shelter, and forget the wound.
Two Britons thro' the admiring world,
Shall wing their way with sails unfurl'd;
Each from the other kindred state,
Avert by turns the bolts of fate,
And acts of mutual amity endear
The Tyre and Carthage of a wider sphere.
When Rome's divided eagles flew,
And different thrones her Empire knew,
The varying language soon disjoin'd
The boasted masters of mankind.
But here no ills like those we fear,
No varying language threatens here:
Congenial worth, congenial flame,
Their manners and their arts the same;
To the same tongue shall glowing themes afford,
And British heroes act, and British bards restor'd.
Fly swift ye years, ye minutes haste,
And in the future lose the past.
O'er many a thought-afflicting tale,
Oblivion, cast thy friendly veil,
Let not memory breathe a sigh,
Or backward turn th' indignant eye;
Nor the insidious arts of foes
Enlarge the breach that longs to close,
But acts of amity alone inspire
Firm truth, and cordial love, and wake the willing lyre.

The business which brought Mr. Secretary Orde and Mr. Foster, Chancellor of the Exchequer, from Ireland, was finally determined on Tuesday in a cabinet council, held for that purpose. This business was relative to the *Protecting Duties*, so generally called for in Ireland, and an adjustment of several difficulties that occurred in the commercial intercourse between that country and this. The friends of the Irish administration say, that the terms Mr. Orde has obtained from the minister, will give general satisfaction in Ireland: but without fearing the danger of being found false prophets, we do not hesitate to say that these terms, so far from giving general satisfaction, will be received by the Irish as an insult to their understanding, if it be true, as it is reported, that the minister has bound himself to no more than this—"That he "will advise his Majesty to give his royal assent "to a bill or bills sent to him from Ireland, "for imposing certain duties on woollen cloths, "&c. *of an inferior quality*, imported into that "kingdom from Great Britain." Duties, amounting even to a prohibition, on *such* cloths, will never give satisfaction to the Irish, for this reason—very little of such cloths, if any, is imported by them; for the manufacture of lower priced woollens is carried to much greater perfection in Ireland than in England; and even whilst the prohibition to export Irish woollens existed, Ireland, by a smuggled trade, supplied the Americans with coarse cloths, and greatly under-sold the English manufacturer. It is in the making of *superfine* cloths that the English surpass the Irish; it was on *superfine* British woollens that Ireland called for duties, which should operate as a *protection* and encouragement to her own manufacture of *first* cloths; and these duties being refused, nothing in fact is granted.

Three days before Christmas day, a messenger extraordinary from the Court of Petersburgh arrived at the hotel of his Excellency Monsr. Kalitchoff, the Russian Minister at the Hague, with the following memorial, which his Excellency, by order of his Sovereign, immediately delivered to the President of the States General: we are happy to lay before our readers the contents of a memorial, which has for object the preventing of a war, and the preservation of public tranquillity.

"Her Majesty the Empress of all the Russias "never lost sight for a moment since the beginning "of her reign, of the happiness and tranquillity of "Europe in general: it was therefore with the "most lively concern, the received intelligence "that the negociations between the States General and the Emperor,- her friend and ally, "had been interrupted by acts of hostility, which "would seem to put it out of the power of "his Imperial Majesty to take any other steps, "than such as the care of his dignity, which "stands committed in the face of Europe, should "suggest. Her Majesty the Empress has given "too many marks of the interest she takes in "the peace and prosperity of the Republic, not "to be confident that their High Mightinesses "will consider the invitation which she now "sends them, to devise means for opening again "the way to accommodation, as the fruits of "the most pure and laudable desire to restore "tranquillity, and prevent hostilities, that might "end in open war, and disturb the peace of all "Europe. Her Majesty then requests their "High Mightinesses will think of the means "that their wisdom may suggest, to bring the dispute to an amicable conclusion, a consummation as salutary as it is useful to both "parties."

This memorial has given an alarm in Amsterdam; for though the Empress seems to breathe nothing but peace; though magnanimity is manifested in it, to a great degree; yet, still it is feared that her connexions with the Emperor may have great influence on her mind, when acting as a mediatrix between the Dutch, and a monarch whom she emphatically calls her *friend* and *ally*.

Lord Grantham arrived in Town on Thursday night: a particular mandate or message from a Great Personage, it is said, was the occasion of his Lordship's haste. A return to official business in Cleveland Row, is supposed to be the object of his Lordship's call from his rural retreat.

GUILDHALL INTELLIGENCE.

The adjourned examination of Mr. Turner, a bankrupt, was resumed yesterday.—The nature of the case was this.—Messrs. Turner and Smith, Linendrapers in Oxford-Road, had failed some time ago, and a commission of bankruptcy issued against them. On their examination, the commissioners were so dissatisfied with their answers, that they committed them both to Newgate. On Thursday they were exemaned again, and Mr. Smith was discharged from his confinement; but his partner, Mr. Turner, not appearing to deserve the same indulgence, was again committed. The commissioners seemed to be of opinion at first, that his examination should be closed; and that he should be made to abide by the answers he had already given: but his creditors wishing that this unhappy man should not perish on this occasion, begged that he might be indulged with another examination, in which he might at last tell the truth, and save his life. The commissioners then gave him three hours more to reflect upon his situation; but the creditors still desirous that he might have time to sleep upon the business, they prolonged the indulgence to yesterday at noon. The creditors had great reason to believe that concealments of property to a considerable ammount, had been made by the bankrupt; and the answers given by him, confirmed them in this opinion, though they were intended by him to remove it. The commissioners met yesterday pursuant to adjournment, and the prisoner having been brought before them, Mr. Morgan, his counsel, opened the business with a written string of interrogatories, which he put to the bankrupt; this mode of proceeding was objected to by Mr. Garrow, counsel for the creditors; he grounded his objection on that, first, such a method would necessarily protract the business of the day to an useless length; second, that it was shewing too great an indulgence to the prisoner, whom he supposed to be previously instructed in his answers, he therefore did not hesitate to prefer a narrative from the prisoner to an interrogatory from his counsel.

Mr. Morgan rose and entered into a short, though interesting detail of the many inconveniences and losses to which people in trade are daily liable to, he did not at all doubt but there were many among the prisoner's creditors, there present, who had some time or other, experienced the truth of his assertion, and who would wish in their misfortunes to have met with indulgence; his argument went to prove that a person in the unhapy circumstances of Mr. Turner, whom poverty with its concomitant disadvantages stared in the face, had the shadow of an excuse to sequester some of his good, to be able thereby in some time, with œconomy and prudent regulation, to satisfy all his creditors; he however by no means approved the conduct of those who concealed their goods to deceive the merchants who trusted them; on the contrary he reprobated it, and thought no punishment too great for the offence; but he contended that the bankrupt then in court was by no means in the predicament alluded to, and consequently was intitled to the indulgence due to innocence, he concluded by mentioning the severity of the laws with respect to bankrupts. Here Mr. Garrow stood up, and was of opinion that poverty or any other wordly inconvenience could not lead an honest man from the paths of probity; if there ever was an example of the kind, the prisoner in question could not plead his right to be excepted; he had given proofs of his dishonest intentions, and he, (Mr. Garrow,) was in possession of a letter which would every way tend to disclose his secret manœuvres; he further asserted that Mr. Turner had been treated with unexampled lenity and favour, he had many advantages allowed him to give him every opportunity of exculpating himself from the crime he was accused of, he feared that his indulgence to the prisoner would draw on him the displeasure of his clients: he owned that the laws were very severe with respect to bankrupts, but he insisted that they were only so for the fair trader, the honest merchant, whose losses were the effects of the capricious deity, rather than those that result from dissipation and extravagance.

The prisoner being asked whether the court was in possession of all the papers notifying all the debts due to him and owing to others, he answered in the affirmative, but being forewarned by his counsel of the fatal consequences of any secret embezzlement, he *owned* that a Mr. Fairborne, broker, had a bill of his for 18 guineas, that he had given a note of 179l. to Mrs. Wright, (with whom he had lived,) and also seventy odd pounds for having lodged with her. The prisoner answers on the whole were evasive and nugatory. The Commissioners adjourned to a Coffee House, in order to examine him still further in private.

Extract of a letter from Vienna, Dec. 4.

"We are sending off the heavy artillery from this city, which is also to furnish two thousand recruits for the army of the Low Countries. They are raising in Galicia a body of Uhlans, who are to assemble at Brinn."

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

We would with pleasure have inserted gratis *all the Advertisements that were sent to us, had we not received an intimation from the Stamp-Office, that the King's duty must be paid for every advertisement that should appear in our first day's paper; we were therefore obliged to leave out all the favours of our advertising friends, who, unapprised of this circumstance, did not send the stamp-duty with each advertisement.*

TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS.

A YOUTH properly qualified, may be placed out an Apprentice in a wholesale and retail tea and grocery warehouse in the city, where he will be properly qualified in a genteel lucrative line of business: and at the expiration of his engagement, an opportunity of establishing himself on the spot: a circumstance which seldom happens. As every requisite satisfaction will be given his friends, a liberal premium is expected.——Address a line to Mr. Pugh, at Baker's Coffee-house, Change-Alley.

Meetings of CREDITORS this Day at GUILDHALL.

James Harris, Dowgate-hill, Merchant, by enlargement, final examination—ten o'clock.

Robert Hessop, Bishopsgate-street, Oilman, last meeting—ten o'clock.

Charles House, and John Jey, Lynn-Regis, Norfolk, Linen-drapers, ditto—ten o'clock.

William Fishborne, George-Row, Tyburn Turnpike, dealer, ditto—ten o'clock.

Lewis Benjamin Crinsoz, Fenchurch-street, Merchant, ditto—eleven o'clock.

William Brissenden, Holborn, Broker, ditto—ten o'clock.

Thomas Vaux, late of Watling-street, Warehouse-man, ditto—eleven o'clock.

Samuel Bigrave, Bedford, Grocer, dividend—ten o'clock.

Charles Child, Ewhurst, Surrey, Shop-keeper, second meeting—ten o'clock.

Thomas Forth, Portpool-lane, Holborn, Pawnbroker, ditto—ten o'clock.

John Cuff, Barking, Essex, Corn-chandler, first ditto—ten o'clock.

DEATHS.

Died a few days ago, at his house in Greenwich, Capt. Robert Walter, of the Royal Navy.

In Dublin, the Honourable Miss Isabella Howard, second daughter to the Right Hon. Lord Clonmore.

Sir Richard Hill opportunely quotes Solomon, observing, That there is a time and season for all things. But, in this age, for time, might be placed—rage for all things. Witness the Sidonian rage—Balloon rage—party rage, &c. &c. The tide seems now setting in for a savage rage to behold the wondrous Child of the Sun now exhibiting the second house in Piccadilly from the Haymarket, where all denominations of people are now flocking, from the peer to the peasant, and seem universally interested in the grand question—Whether this astonishing production is man or monster? The naturalists affirm the former, while the connoisseurs contend for the latter; but the general opinion appears to be, that it is that very important link of nature's chain, which unites the animal to the human species, in the same manner as the Polypus is supposed to be the link which joins the animal and vegetable worlds. Any farther comments may be unnecessary, as the curious have now an opportunity of seeing and judging the order, class, and properties of this astonishing non-descript.

Messrs. STOCKDALE, SCATCHARD, WHITAKER, and FIELDING, Proprietor of the OCTAVO Edition of COOK's VOYAGES, respectfully inform the Subscribers, that a Mr. George Nicoll, the agent seller of the Quarto Edition, did on the 14th inst. obtain *ex parte*, an injunction, which arrests their sale till the merits of the case comes before the Court of Chancery, on the 15th of January instant.

The circumstances attending the proceedings of Mr. Nicoll in obtaining this injunction, being unprecedented, are worthy the attention of the public:—No notice of this application was served upon the defendants, and the injunction, when obtained, was not delivered until it was too late for the defendants to put in their answer, which would have prevented its operation. The reason of this conduct is evident: the agent knowing the weakness of his case, resorted to the mean subterfuge of trick. If his case be good, why did he not come forward, like a brother tradesman, and meet the defendants upon the merits before the Chancellor, from whose candour and impartial justice he must have been certain of receiving redress, if he had suffered injury.

This injunction being obtained by surprize, the proprietors are prevented from delivering the few remaining numbers till after a hearing, which will take place the middle of this month. The five subsequent numbers are printed and ornamented in the same stile of elegance, which has marked the preceding ones, and which, by giving the work a superiority over the quarto edition, has stimulated the envy of Mr. Nicoll, who, by putting an exorbitant price upon the edition partially vended by him, frustrates the intention of Parliament, which granted a supply of public money for the purpose of disseminating nautical and philosophical knowledge among all classes, and who did not mean to confine it to the opulent, or bury it in dusty libraries to which the public have no access.

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Westminster Bridge-office, Dec. 14, 1784.

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WRITTEN BY HERSELF.

To which will be annexed, the Original Letter to JOHN CALCRAFT, Esq. advertised to be published in October 1767, but which was then violently suppressed.

"*The web of our life is a mingled yarn, good and ill together;*
"*our virtues would be proud, if our faults whipt them not;*
"*and our crimes would despair, if they were not cherished*
"*by our virtues.*"

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A superfine ditto —— ——	2	0	0
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A superfine ditto —— ——	1	1	0
A fine thin Beaver ditto ——	1	10	0
A Silesia stripe ditto, from 16s. to ——	1	10	0
A Drab Cloth ditto —— ——	1	10	0
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DECEMBER 31st, 1784.

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Union—William-Smith, from Amsterdam.

Ships Lost or Damaged.

Catherine Vickerman, of Hull, lost on Sleeden Point, it is believed part of the cargo will be saved.

Enterprize, Wills, from Memel to Hull, is lost upon Sandhammer.

Orpheus, Squarrey, from Petersburgh to Liverpool is put into Fahrsund in Norway, and will be obliged to discharge the cargo to repair.

Mary, Gerdruth, Klinkspoor from Petersburgh to Lubeck is stranded near Grooms, 3 leagues from Travismunde.

Neutrality, Nichol, that was on shore near Christiana is got off without much damage.

Emanuel, Holmstrand, from Leghorn to the coast of Spain and London, is lost at Palamos; the crew saved

Lucy, Bohemia, from London to Venice, was lost near that part; best part of the crew saved

Ships Arrived.

Prince of Orange, Melleck, Dunkirk, river.
Britannia, Leitchman, Oporto, ditto.
Nymph, Conn, Maryland, Plymouth.
Esther, Dobson, } London, at Cadiz.
Charlotte, Bebell, }
Hawke, Eab, Lisbon, Dartmouth.
St. George, Williamson, } London, Lisbon.
Tagus, Innis }
Hortengenan, Hellman, Land, Dunkirk.

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LONDON, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1784

Amsterdam, ——	37	3	
Ditto at sight, —	37		
Rotterdam, ——	37	5	2½ uf.
Antwerp, ——	No price.		
Hamburgh, ——	34	9	2½ uf.
Altona, —— ——	34	10	2½ uf.
Paris, 1 day's date,	28		
Ditto, 2 usance, —	28		
Bourdeaux ditto, —	28		
Cadiz, —— ——	34		
Madrid, —— ——	34		
Bilboa, —— —	34		
Leghorn, ——	47		
Genoa, ——	44		
Venice, — —	46		
Lisbon, —— ——	55	2d 1/8	
Porto, —— ——	55	2d ½	
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Ditto New, - - -		5s	3d
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Cochineal, 12s 6d a 14sp

Prices of Corn at Mark Lane, per Quarter.

Wheat, - - -	38s a 45s
Rye, - - - - -	25s a 25s
Barley, - - - -	22s - 27
Oats, - - - - -	15s a 20s

PRICE of COALS.

There was no business done yesterday at the Coal-Exchange: the price, therefore, of coals delivered to housekeepers, continues from 40 shillings to two guineas.

PRICE OF STOCKS.

Bank Stock, - -	112 3/8 7/8	Light Lon. An. 1784	——
India Stock, - -	136 1/2	Short Ann. 1777	——
South Sea ditto -	Shut	Cons. Sho. An Ys Pur	Shut
Ditto Annuity, -	84 7/8	3 per Ct Scrip, 1784	56
Ditto New, - -	Shut	4 per Ct Scrip, 1784	73
3 per Ct Bk reduc.	55 5/8 3/8	Million Bank,	——
3 per Ct ditto consol.	56 1/2 3/8	Royal Ass. 100 pd in,	——
Ditto, - - - 1726	Shut	Lon. Ass. 12 11 10 spd in,	——
3 per Ct Ann. 1751	Shut	5 per Ct India Bonds	——
Ditto India Ann. -	52 1/2	Unpaid ditto.	6 1/2 55 dis.
4 per Ct cons. An. 1780	71 1/2 71	Dec. Na. & Vict. Bills	16 1/2
5 per Ct Nav. &c. Ann.	90	Exchequer Bills	——
Bank Lon. An. Ys Pur.	Shut		

HIGH WATER AT LONDON BRIDGE,

This day, at 35 minutes after 6 in the morning; and 24 after 6 in the afternoon.

On Sunday, at 33 minutes after 7 in the morning; and 32 minutes after 7 in the afternoon.

To the Editor of the UNIVERSAL REGISTER.

SIR,

THOUGH the usefulness and necessity of newspapers must be admitted; yet how incoherent and pernicious have several of them been? What heterogeneous mixtures have they set before the public? A newspaper may be considered—as a political salmagundy, or a feast furnished to suit every palate.

The philosopher and divine, the man of taste and of literature, statesmen and politicians, ladies, traders, players, puffers, and persons of almost every description may find in it both pleasure and profit.—To these agreeable vehicles of conveyance, commerce, manufactures, arts, sciences, and freedom stand eminently indebted: nor can it be denied, that the lovers of illiberal invective and abuse, the destroyers of reputation, and feeders on calumny, have sometimes been fully gratified in certain prints which may be termed "Schools of Scandal."

Should we speak of newspapers in a political way; have they not frequently, in half a column, given us the state of all nations; maintained the balance of power in Europe; shewed to rival monarchs their true interests, or pointed out to them the line of conduct they should follow? Have they not, also, told us the sentiments and resolves even of interior cabinets;—thrown open to readers the door of the privy council; prophesied concerning coalitions, or exposed the most secret connexions and designs? Have they not, likewise, occasionally stigmatized, or white-washed contending parties; entertaining us, at the same time, with the most forcible and elegant senatorial harangues, and make the wisest observations upon them?

Can as much be said for any other publications, great or small? What honour and profit, therefore, do the different authors and intelligencers who figure in these fugitive pieces deserve?—Hence it may be inferred, that an editor is a man of the first consequence in the republic of letters;—equal, at least, to any theatrical manager. Has he not, like the latter, to furnish a pleasing variety, to hold the balance even between rival individuals? Must not his entertainments be according to nature; nay, must he not occasionally throw about his squibs and crackers to please air balloon politicians; or, as it were, have writers of tumbling—wire dancing—and hurly burly description?

For these, and other reasons, too tedious to mention, an editor may be looked upon as a sort of literary watchman, who, though he may be unable to prevent the house from being robbed, yet can tell where a pin is loose;—or can cry—stop thief—though unable to apprehend him.

This is not all; for he must select with care, lop off luxuriances, or discern with judgment and penetration.—As a spirited writer remarks, a Newspaper Editor is confined by the same rules with the historian, and should rest himself on truth and facts.

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Spectacular continuity

The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon Art
British Museum

The Art of the Architect
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John Varley / Michael "Angelo" Rooker
Victoria and Albert Museum

If we are to believe exhibition titles, the history of art would seem to be remarkably rich in golden ages, though oddly enough they emerge as what each school or individual artist works up to rather than what they sadly, inevitably decline from. The current show at the British Museum (staged in conjunction with the British Library until March 10) claims merely to represent **The Golden Age of Anglo-Saxon Art**, which it pinpoints as the century from 966 to 1066. The blurb of the book by the museum's director, David M Wilson (not the catalogue this time) which fills in the background to the show by covering the whole history of *Anglo-Saxon Art* from the seventh century to the Norman Conquest (Thames and Hudson, £25) goes one step further by claiming that the whole period is "arguably the golden age of English art."

Hm. Well, of course anything can be argued, but one would hesitate to sweep aside, say, the age of Turner, Constable and Blake in favour of pre-Conquest achievements, however spectacular. And it must be said that the works assembled at the British Museum are sometimes pretty spectacular in their own right. The show will inevitably be compared with the Hayward Gallery's *1066* show earlier in the year, being chronologically speaking what the movie-men call a prequel. But in fact it is very different in scale and intention.

This show is much more didactic, presenting a few masterpieces, especially of illumination and ivory carving, and trying to explain what they came from and to a certain extent what they led to. What the two shows taken together primarily tell us is how arbitrary the imagined great divide at 1066 actually is. The Normans and the Saxons were going much the same way artistically for some time before the Conquest, there was a lot of cultural interchange in the tenth and eleventh centuries, and the Saxons and Saxon ways were not instantly swept from the scene in Britain with the ascendency of the Normans: on the contrary, many post-Conquest copies of pre-Conquest manuscripts and extensions of pre-Conquest styles in the present show indicate a powerful continuity, and we discover from Mr Wilson's book that he regards even the Bayeux Tapestry as essentially English.

But the main purpose of the show, of course, is to point our attention towards a few well-known pieces, like the Albert Jewel, and many lesser known, presenting them as works of art, and requiring that they be judged as such. Some of them, like the *Benedictional of St Aethelwold*, are not only very beautiful, but clearly sophisticated art. The pleasures to be derived from the smaller ivory and bone carvings are not quite on such a grand scale, but they certainly give us a new respect for the skills and aesthetic sense of our ancestors. In its sober, modest way, this show too is an eye-opener, well worth an hour of any art-lover's time.

A very few years ago, one could have claimed The Art of the Architect (at the RIBA until January 27) as an eye-opener too. Then it would have been in the most general sense: regard for the preparatory sketches of architects and designers, the projects and the perspective drawings, as artworks in themselves has been a relatively recent development. Now, owing largely in this country to the work of the RIBA itself at its Heinz Gallery in Portman Square, we have gathered a very fair idea of the beauties possible in the genre, and of late the knowledge has been supplemented by similarly distinguished exhibitions at the AA (the Architectural Association as distinct from the Royal Institute of British Architects) and the Building Centre, not to mention several commercial galleries which have taken up the same line. The shows at the Heinz Gallery have just combed the surface of the RIBA's amazing collections of drawings and documents from members past and present; this present show, at the Institute's headquarters in Portland Place, sets out to give a wider but necessarily shallower notion of the treasures held in store.

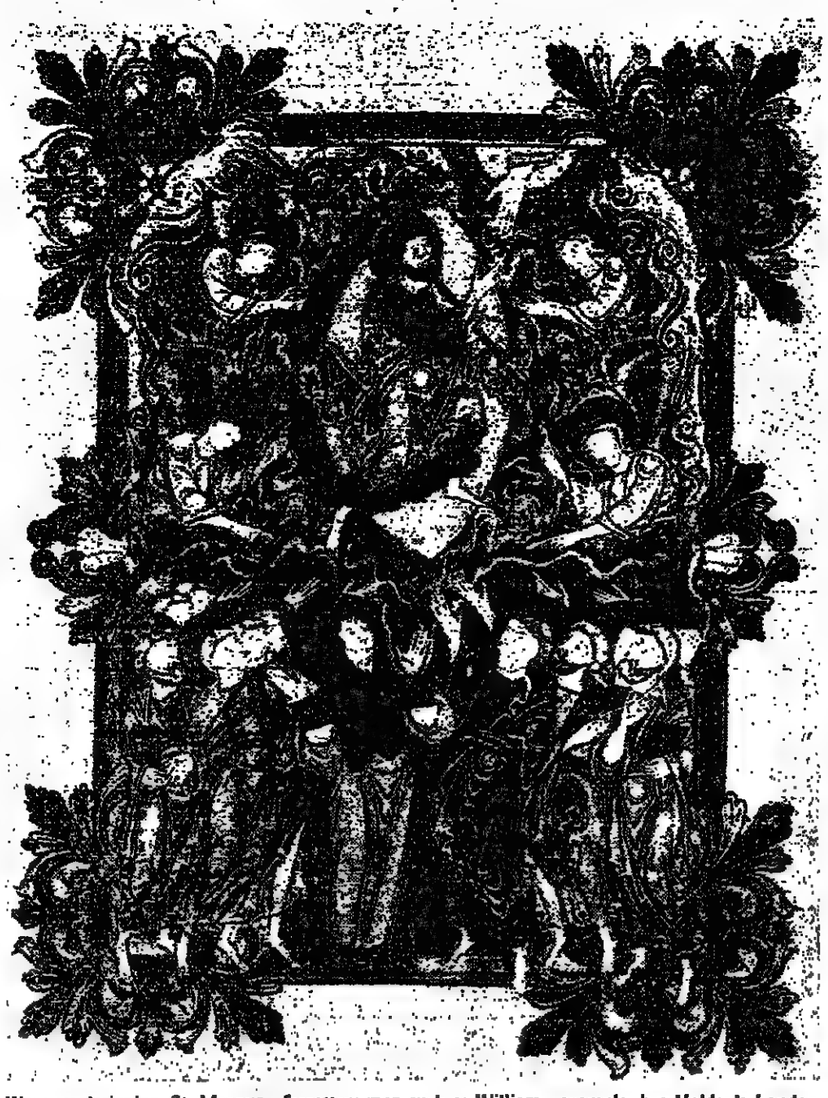
The show comes right up to date with a 1984 design by the Richard Rogers partnership and another by an architect, Quinlan Terry, born in 1937. But of course the major excitements are historical. There are three drawings from the hand of Palladio himself (not, of course, actually an English architect, though so influential on English architecture that one is willing to overlook this minor mischance). There are Gothic and early Renaissance architects' drawings, and the collection really gets into its stride with Robert Smythson and Inigo Jones. From then on, it is not easy to think of any major British architect who is not somehow represented, from Wren re-designing St Magnus the Martyr to Philip Tilden pottily planning to use the present Selfridge's store as the base merely for a gigantic windowless and presumably useless tower.

Nor are the special skills of the professional draughtsmen forgotten: men such as William Walcott (recently given a show to himself at the Building Centre) and Raymond Myerscough-Walker (ditto at the AA) were generally trained architects who devoted most of their talent to glorifying the work of other architects: when, for example, has Holden's London University Senate House looked half so splendid as in Myerscough-Walker's extraordinary floodlit perspective of it? But, as the show can reveal only a small part of the RIBA's holdings, so comment on it can only hint unless it is to become a list of names. It is something that has to be seen for itself, and, if it is no longer news to us that architects' drawings can be things of beauty, at least the RIBA's riches are truly amazing, and certainly whet our appetites for later, more specialized shows.

Neither **John Varley** nor **Michael "Angelo" Rooker**, the two artists yoked together in the Victoria and Albert's latest small show in the Henry Cole Building (until April 14), can be called an eye-opener or promoted as exemplifying the golden age of anything. The century covered by their combined lives – Rooker was born in 1743, Varley died in 1842 – did see most of the finest achievements of English watercolour, but they were both minor, though pleasing, companions to the really great and really famous.

Given that, however, there is much pleasure to be drawn from making their better acquaintance. Rooker drew, and then coloured, many a crisp, cool, clean townscape, very firmly grounded in the eighteenth century (he died in 1801) with hardly a glance forward to the Romantic future. Varley was more of a true water-colourist, sticking to the fairly wild and woolly in subject-matter and drawing inspiration from Poussin, Claude and (one would suspect from his habit of enhancing the scale of his central features and diminishing the peripheries) making quite lavish use of some optical device such as a close-glass. It is all eminently refined and quiet and English – good to be explored in more detail than hitherto, especially since the results have been enshrined in new V & A publications by C. M. Kauffman and Patrick Conner (Varley and Rooker respectively), £4.95 each at the *exhibition*.

John Russell Taylor



Sophisticated beauty: ***The Ascension of Christ* from *The Benedictional of St Aethewold***

Television

Kitchen sinks

A Christmas kitchen, too recently associated with over-indulgence, is a hazardous place in which to site a play to be shown immediately after Christmas. For his **Absurd Person Singular** (a title which still eludes me) on BBC1 last night, Alan Ayckbourn had not one kitchen but three. None was in the least festive: the first pristine, mirroring its social-climbing owners' apprehension of inspection by their guests; the second, a slothful site for attempted suicides and general mayhem; the third, a setting for ultimate marital disillusion for two of the three couples involved.

It was supposed to be a comedy, and there were funny lines. Unfortunately these did not tread quickly enough upon one another's heels to distract one from the play's inordinate length.

Where the action – which purported to take place on the Christmas Eve before last, last Christmas Eve, and then next Christmas Eve – promised to be comic it tended to escalate into farce. Really none of the three ill-matched couples had much to laugh about or, as they were more or less disintegrating, to laugh at. It was a pity, for this stagey production had ensnared a first-class cast, all of whom will surely and deservedly have better things awaiting them in the course of the year.

Nicky Henson and Maureen Lipman were the first couple: he the bumptious tradesman, she the doormat wife. Michael Gambon and Cheryl Campbell were the promiscuous architect and pill-taking partner. The splendid Geoffrey Palmer and Prunella Scales were the bank manager and gin-swilling consort.

They did their best, admirable in the circumstances, in three kitchen encounters. I felt particularly sorry for Cheryl Campbell, who had to play out hers as a kind of Harpo Marx zombie making repeated attempts to kill herself in her overcrowded kitchen.

There was a fourth couple who were heard but not seen, which was a break for them. The credit titles were designed and drawn by Gerald Scarfe. These only served to raise a promise that was unfulfilled in the event. Let us hope Mr Ayckbourn returns to the study.

A horse, too, for BBC1 and Scottish Television's programme controllers. BBC Scotland's New Year's Eve **Live into 85** was a shambles in terms of content and production; Scottish Television's **The Hogmanay Show** ran it a close second. Maybe next time both could resolve to make their first footings with a little more imagination.

Dennis Hackett

The Mozartian elegance and grace of Helgi Tomasson's *Menuetto*: Kyra Nichols, Otto Neubert

Clive Barnes reports on the progress of New York City Ballet after Balanchine

Splendid survivors

As New York City Ballet entered its eighty-first home season, all seemed to be business as usual at Lincoln Center. Which, in the circumstances, was perhaps easier said than done.

This is the third season by the company George Balanchine built that has been undertaken without him. The first two could have succeeded through the sheer shock of Balanchine's death emphasizing the impetus of his creation. But now the new joint directorship of Peter Martins and Jerome Robbins is established, and what the company seems currently to be offers a fair impression of what it is to become. To judge from performances seen over the first repertory weeks of the season, before the troupe entered its five-week Christmas torpor of *The Nutcracker*, it is still going to be terrific.

There is backstage talk that the new tandem arrangement could be having difficulties, and certainly the new management is showing its first rift with the defection of John Taras (always Balanchine's lieutenant) to work with American Ballet Theatre. It was always to be expected that Robbins, now the world's senior active choreographer, and Martins, said to be Lincoln Kirstein's personal choice as Balanchine's heir, would not always see eye to eye. Neither did Robbins and Balanchine, and, although Robbins and Martins are both designated as "Balletmasters-in-Chief", it seems that the relationship is shaking down to one not all that dissimilar to the old regime – although clearly Martins cannot have his predecessor's authority, and Robbins is also probably taking a larger role in the company's long-range planning.

The loss of Taras is potentially more serious – and indicative of real change rather than comestic adjustment. Taras has expressed himself quite strongly following his leaving, saying, among other things, "My opinion wasn't being sought at all" and adding "The worst thing is for someone to take over and have people around him, who've been around longer than he has. There ought to be a clean sweep."

Yet experience has always shown that it is only what happens on stage that counts, and the company is still effortlessly delivering the goods. Since the institution of the new directorial pattern – shortly before Balanchine's death – up until the beginning of the current season, the company has shown in New York two new works by Martins, *A Schubertiad* and *Réjouissance*, Robbins's *Antique Epigraphs*, a new production of his *Moves* and his sensationally successful collaboration with Twyla Tharp, *Brahms/Handel*, to the Brahms Variations on a theme of Handel orchestrated by Edmund Rubbra. There has also been a major new staging, with fresh designs, of Balanchine's *Liederslieder Walzer*. A formidable artistic record for little more than a year's work – particularly when it is recalled that this summer at the Saratoga Festival the company gave two other premières, Helgi Tomasson's *Minuetto*, which has just entered the New York repertory, and Bart Cook's *Seven by Five*.

A couple of performances, taken virtually at random, can characterize the company, here and now, in general repertory. These two typical programmes included four Balanchine ballets, one by Robbins and another by Martins. Three of the Balanchines were pure-dance classical works, virtually plotless, yet markedly different in style. The innocent *Divertimento from Le Baiser de la fée*, delicately danced by Patricia McBride and, in a début, Ib Andersen, is quite different from the sophisticated drive of the *Stravinsky Violin Concerto*, and different again from the evocative dance grandeurs of *Raymonda Variations*.

It was this versatility that made Balanchine a choreographer for all seasons. He was always able to temper his pure-dance creations with a pseudo-dramatic work such as the erotic Japonaiserie of the recently revived *Bugaku*, which, with eerily portentous music by Toshiro Mayuzumi and imitative, disposable choreography, seems unlikely to win a place in the permanent Balanchine canon. It was decently enough performed (if decency has anything to do with it) by Heather Watts and Bart Cook, but the echt-Balanchine portrayal of these two performances was the lustrous Lourdes Lopez in the *Violin Concerto*. A smiling Merrill Ashley partnered by an over-soft Sean Lavery did well enough in *Raymonda Variations*.

There is not much zest in Martins's *A Schubertiad*, which looks more pallid on each repeated viewing. It also appears longer. And the dancing is better than it looks – a factor that is never a plus for any ballet. The most enjoyable work on both programmes was Robbins's *The Four Seasons*, splendidly danced and – revealingly perhaps – the best rehearsed work of all six. Valentina Kozlova, Leonid Kozlov (sometime Soviet defectors, who clearly have found a home and happiness with City Ballet) and Jean-Pierre Frohlich proved exultant in the last movement, but everyone seemed to have a good time.

Repertory is one thing – but Balanchine, and his various acolytes, conditioned New York City Ballet audiences to revere creativity or, at creativity's basic level, novelty above all. The unspoken, but never unheard, cry has always been "But what have you done for us lately?" Well, what City Ballet has done for its audiences lately is Tomasson's courtly *Minuetto*.

It has a particular elegance and grace that heralds the arrival of a new master. This 25-minute cascade of carefully calculated dance, set with effortless rightness to Mozart's Divertimento No 17 in D, K. 334, combines exquisitely baroque invention, in all its complexity, with a simplicity that bears the hallmark of the composer.

Minuetto uses two main couples, a trio (with an odd man out, sometimes turning the mixed pas de trois into an all-male set), and an ensemble of seven girls. All of the proceedings are invested with a Watteauesque gallantry.

This is the fourth ballet created by the Icelandic-born Tomasson, but the first he has made actually on City Ballet dancers. Although already the leading contender to be appointed balletmaster to the Royal Danish Ballet, he made an unusually late start in life for a choreographer. *Minuetto* represented his biggest chance to date, so ironically he could take no chances. He did not. He got some of the best young dancers in the company, and they all repaid his trust by dancing with an airy brilliance that bounced round the stage.

Concert

King's Consort/King
Wigmore Hall

Something in the atmosphere of Schütz's *Historia der Geburth Jesu Christi* peculiary suits it to presentation on New Year's Eve. It narrates a birth, asserts mankind's rebirth, yet its jubilation is muted by retrospection, its instrumentation hints at irony rather than sanctity, and its musical pictorialism is (often literally) low-key.

Using the sparsest possible resources, given that Schütz specifies recorders for the shepherds, cornetts for Herod and suitably ponderous sackbuts for assorted priests and scribes, the King's Consort admirably caught this restrained, circumspect vein of baroque joy, the singers responding with spirit to the dancing triple-time melismas of the Heavenly Host, and characterizing the other dramatis personae deftly. It was Rogers Covey-Crump's singing of the Evangelist, though, that really gave the interpretation its emotional fibre. His was a seemingly effortless, gently-phrased narration, yet his response to Schütz's lean word-painting – such as the passing violence of anguished chromaticism as the Innocents are killed – was finely observed.

Robert King handled his Consort with some flair, as was also apparent in the concert's other offering – a "Christmas Vespers" fashioned out of seven movements from Monteverdi's 1640 "Selva morale e spirituale". Some effective touches here included a precisely judged phasing-out of texture as the ungodly "consume away" in Beautus Vir, and Laudate Pueri done as a five-part madrigal with the wispiest of continuo support.

There were noticeable problems as well. Not all the Consort's singers demonstrated Covey-Crump's soloistic prowess, and there were lapses of intonation. This weakened the Vespers' impact, especially since with so few voices the mighty homophonic declamations did not punctuate the solo passages as Monteverdi might have expected in St Mark's, Venice – like thunderous sonic semi-colons.

Richard Morrison

Concert

North/Cole
Wigmore Hall

"Something special in the way of music" was served up in July 1739 when J. S. Bach was visited by his son Wilhelm Friedemann and the lutenists Kropgans and Weiss: perhaps it included some performances on that curious instrument the Lautenwerk, of which we know Bach possessed two examples. Something special was again served up in Sunday night's Wigmore Hall concert, when a modern copy of a Lautenwerk – the first to have been attempted in this country, we were informed – was played in the second of six concerts featuring also all Bach's music for the lute and a good selection of harpsichord music.

The Lautenwerk is essentially a keyboard instrument designed to sound like the lute, but we know little of its exact specification or repertory, except that one manuscript of Bach's BWV 996 is inscribed "aufs Lauten Werck", and uses a range exactly similar to the instrument as described by Jacob Adlung. Lewis Jones's new reconstruction was used only in ensemble: Maggie Cole was joined by Nigel North at the end of the evening for a neat transcription of one of the organ trio sonatas. Perhaps this was an acknowledgement that this Lautenwerk is not yet quite up to solo exposure: what one could hear sounded crisp, often attractive, but rather brittle, without the lute's repsonsive eloquence and with a rather thudding action.

The bass was a touch underbalanced – North added some lute bass notes effectively – but it will be easier to judge the instrument when it has a piece to itself in the last concert of this series. Ironically, the transcription for lute of the Cello Suite BWV 995, with which Nigel North began, is a piece which precisely fits Adlung's range for the Lautenwerk; but it would be ungracious to object to hearing it projected with such rare poise and elegance as Nigel North achieved here.

Sometimes his playing can seem uncommunicative and a little withdrawn, but once one enters his world the rewards are very great. His own version of the BWV 1010 Cello Suite was a restrained delight: without any of the intense heaviness that most cellists bring to this music, it sparkled and flowed through a succession of hair-raising technical difficulties.

Amid all the uncertainties of instrumentation, Bach's Fourth Partita stood out as indubitably a harpsichord piece, and it was played by Maggie Cole on a copy of a 1728 Zell instrument which must have been very close to what Bach himself used. Fine playing, with some blemishes but much understanding: we will be lucky if the tercentenary year provides a more exploratory or thought-provoking Bach series than this.

Nicholas Kenyon

London debuts

The harp takes off

A Wigmore Hall harp recital – proceeding with expected grace and sedateness – suddenly acquired a bizarre, surreal aspect. Murray Schafer's *The Crown of Ariadne* required the Canadian harpist **Carrol McLaughlin** to surround herself with a battery of tinkly percussion instruments and to operate them after the fashion of a one-man-band, while also detuning her harp "mid-flight" and activating a tape recorder that provided a background ostinato. The harp itself was treated to a variety of articulations, from a swooping karate chop across the strings to start "The Dance of the Bull" to sharp blows with a hard stick.

Miss McLaughlin carried it off with great aplomb, effervescently catching the spirit of the oddball but agreeable pictorialism. It lifted the whole evening, giving her the confidence to tackle Ernesto Halffter's lilting *Danza de la pastora* and Parish-Alvars's virtuosic *La Mandoline* with much finesse.

She had earlier been less impressive in Handel's B flat Concerto (better known and, I think, better, for organ), where bumpy passagework, leaden ornaments and an insufficiently distinct bass robbed the music of wit and stature. Her recital also contained a première – *Textures* by William Marx, a bitty, rather aimless collection of pastoral ninth and eleventh chords that is unlikely to give Harpo Marx's son any further claim to fame. It did, however, give Miss McLoughlin the opportunity to display one of her strongest assets, the ability to produce a wide variety of timbres, including a lovely veiled half-tone.

Also at the Wigmore the Athens-born pianist **Alexandra Nomidou** revealed a natural command of rubato – that instinctive feel for when to hold back, where to add weight for greater emphasis – that grew increasingly impressive as her Schumann/Scriabin/Chopin recital progressed.

If *Papillons* and *Davidsbündlertänze* had seemed, for all this evident musicality, a little repressed, conceived too much in domestic terms, and (in slower movements) occasionally marred by a messy pedal semi-release, then in 12 of Scriabin's fiendishly demanding preludes the balance between poetry and power was judged to perfection. Both here and in Chopin's *Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise brillante* the choice of tempi was convincing and momentum was superbly maintained, even towards the end of the Chopin, where impeccable fingerwork carried her triumphantly through a helter-skelter finish.

Richard Morrison

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41¾	38	Consols 4%	38	..	10.171	10.171
34¾	32¾	War Ln 3½%	33¾	..	9.949	9.949
48¾	46¾	Conv 3½%	43¾	..	8.287	8.287
31¾	27¾	Treas 3%	30¾	..	10.209	10.209
29¾	23¾	Consols 2½%	24¾	..	10.042	10.168
25¾	23	Treas 2½%	23¾	..	10.106	10.106
INDEX-LINKED						
109	100¾	Treas IL 2% 1986	107¾	..	1.980	4.598
99¾	92	Treas IL 2% 1990	92¾	..	2.154	4.313
111¾	99¾	Treas IL 2% 1996	108¾	..	1.832	3.870
102	94¾	Treas IL 2% 2001	100¾	..	2.565	3.372
100¾	87¾	Treas IL 2½% 2003	98¾	..	2.530	3.230
104¾	90¾	Treas IL 2% 2006	102	..	1.958	3.289
100¾	87¾	Treas IL 2½% 2009	98	..	2.533	3.176
106¾	93¾	Treas IL 2½% 2011	104¾	..	2.598	3.139
97¾	82¾	Treas IL 2½% 2015	94¾	..	2.639	3.133
95¾	81¾	Treas IL 2½% 2020	93¾	..	2.665	3.067

BREWERIES

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
175	138	Allied-Lyons	162	..	10.0	6.2	9.0
483	300	Bass	463	..	18.4	3.9	12.2
178	140	Bell (Arthur)	158	..	6.9	4.3	12.1
43	28	Belhaven	43	+3	0.5	1.2	21.9
98	70	Boddingtons	89	+1	3.9	4.4	13.0
315	206	Brown (Matthew)	280	-20	11.7	4.2	13.8
233	136	Burton (N H)	149	+2	7.9	5.3	7.1
350	323	Clark (Matthew)	450	..	17.1	3.8	12.8
429	392	Devenish (J A)	417	..	16.4	3.9	12.1
300	244	Distillers	298	..	15.6	5.7	8.3
425	290	Ferguson Hanson	420	-5	13.08	3.1	11.2
164	118	Greenall Whitley	164	..	8.4	3.9	11.6
180	140	Greene King	164	+4	6.4	3.9	13.2
245	116	Guinness (A)	243	+11	8.5	3.5	12.2
344	277	Hardy & Hansons	324	..	13.1	4.0	10.6
68	53	Heywood Dist	67	..	2.5	3.7	18.4
164	127	Invergordon Dist	128	..	5.7	4.5	10.4
175	128	Irish Dist	140	..	6.0	4.3	..
68	49	Marston Thompson	62	+1	2.5	4.1	13.5
197	169	Midland	179	..	6.2	3.6	10.9
453	353	SA Breweries	393	..	7.9	2.0	9.9
137½	98½	Scot & New	132	..			
33¾	22	Scottish Dist	120¼	+¼			
262	202	Vaux	256	..	14.4	5.6	10.3
219	129	Whitbread 'A'	219	+2	9.2	4.2	11.4
219	127	Do 'B'	219	+4	9.2	4.2	11.4
138	98	Wolverhampton Dist	178	..	8.8	4.9	13.8
272	204	Wolverhampton & D	272	+2	10.9	4.0	11.4
280	225	Young 'A'	245	..	8.8	3.5	22.0

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
178	120	Alex Hse	128	..	9.0	7.1	..
101	71	Anglo Nat (Henry)	75	-1	5.0b	6.7	45.2
373	287	Aus New Z	358	..	28.0	7.7	..
16¾	10¾	Bankers	13½	+¼	..	..	..
352	298	Bank Of Ireland	350	..	17.0a	6.8	..
13	7½	Bank Leumi Israel	11½	..	..	..	..
245	185	Bank Leumi UK	215	..	14.5	6.7	13.6
459	299	Bank Of Scotland	459	+5	20.7	4.2	7.1
575	434	Barclays	567	+5	35.7	6.3	6.8
445	300	Brown Shipley	430	..	12.1b	2.8	20.1
553	408	Cater Allen	523	+5	41.3	7.9	9.4
31	21¾	Cedar	24	..	2.0	8.5	8.7
126	75	Charl J Rothschild	105	-2	6.4	6.1	12.9
41¾	26¾	Chase Manhattan	241	-¼	3.64	8.9	..
33¾	17¾	Citicorp	32¾	+¼	2.08	6.5	..
73	45	Clive	72	..	5.1	7.1	13.1
49¾	36	Commercial Bank	48¾	..	6.0	6.1	..
105¾	81¾	Davison Bank	104¾	+¼	12.0	11.4	..
61	52	First Nat Finance	76½	..	..	..	..

BUILDING AND ROADS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
202	155	Aberdeen Constr	189	..	9.4	5.2	9.2
258	185	Amec	258	..	15.0	5.8	10.4
78	38	Arlcliffe	54	..	..	..	8.3
94	79¾	Ashwoods	85	+2	5.0b	5.9	24.5
336	238	BPB Industries	290	+2	16.4	5.7	10.0
218	132	Baggeridge Brick	208	..	6.9	4.3	8.7
118	78	Barratt Dev	98	+4	10.9	13.6	5.3
46	27	Bailey(Benj) Const	29	..	2.8	8.9	5.8
		Beechwood					
164	118	Bellway	171	..	10.0	7.8	6.3
78	53	Bemrose Concrete	70	..	5.4	7.7	15.8
64	43	Bett Bros	51	..	4.1	8.0	13.4
403	346	Blockleys	370	..	30.0	8.1	14.6
388	308	Blue Circle	400	+5	27.1	6.7	8.1
218	182	Breedon&Cloud Hill	194	..	12.0	6.2	17.3
57	48	Brickhouse Dudley	65	..	4.8	7.3	17.4
71	47	Br Dredging	57	..	2.9	5.0	13.0
23	16	Brown&Jackson	19	+1	..	..	12.4
53	14	Bulcot Bar	18	..	..	..	5.1
41	30	Hendon-Stuart	35	..	2.0	5.8	8.3
103	78	Haywood Williams	105	..	8.8b	7.6	4.2
330	230	Higgs & Hill	300	..	16.4	5.7	8.1
147	110	IDC	137	+4	8.9	7.2	13.9
283	167	Ibstock Johnsen	268	..	8.9	3.4	17.8
280	207	Jarvis (J) & Sons	268	..	25.0	9.3	10.8
225	137	Laing (J)	224	..	7.8	3.5	9.4
229	139	Do 'A'	224	..	7.9	3.5	8.4
244	196	Lawrence (Walter)	214	..	14.0	6.5	4.9
161	38	Leech (William)	134	+7	3.7	4.3	8.2
51	40	Lilley (F.J.C)	48	-1	3.0	7.9	6.1
220	150	Lovell (Y.J)	218	..	8.9	3.9	6.5
160	104	Magnet & South	139	..	6.7	5.2	9.2
178	145	Manders	164	+6	10.0	6.1	12.5
284	189	Marchwiel	284	+2	13.5	5.1	8.7
239	189	Marshalls (Halifax)	220	+3	11.4b	5.1	7.9
100	69	May & Hassell	89	..	5.9	6.7	3.5
139	88	Meyer Int	133	..	7.0	5.4	8.8
36	16	Miller (Stanley)	18	..			
136	105	Monk (A)	114	..	9.3	8.1	5.3
324	194	Mowlem (John)	320	+5	16.9	7.3	13.7
500	473	Newarthill	500	..	14.3	2.9	12.1
148	104	Nottingham Brick	145	+6	7.1b	4.9	13.5
780	455	Pearce (CH) Sons	700	..	8.9	1.3	13.9
142	84	Phoenix Timber	142	+6	6.7	4.7	8.3
200	160	Pochin	200	..	17.9	7.7	4.8
476	330	RMC	400	+2	17.5	4.4	10.1
318	230	Redland	287	..	13.3	4.7	11.3
150	108	Roberts Adams	111	..	8.6	7.7	10.1
38	27	Rowlinson Seas	33	..	3.2	2.8	6.4
281	180	Ruberoid	206	..	15.4	5.8	8.5
131	98	Rugby Cement	128½	+½	8.0	6.3	11.5
163	113	SGB	144	+6	8.9	6.2	12.5
71	57	Sharpe & Fisher	63	-1	3.0	4.8	6.8
62	47	Smart (J)	62	..	3.6	5.1	12.7
555	406	Tarmac	516	-4	30.0	5.8	13.5
385	295	Taylor Woodrow	378	+3	17.8	4.7	10.1
134	90	Tilbury Group	118	..	8.4	5.4	9.6
370	286	Travis & Arnold	286	..	10.1	3.5	10.0
102	84	Trent	97	..	7.1	7.3	15.3
386	185	Tunnel	335	..	10.0	3.0	14.9
167	126½	UBM	149	..	10.0	6.7	17.0
171	100	Wimpey(Geo)	146	+7	11.4	8.3	14.5
164	69	Ward	140	..	8.9	5.7	6.5
148	96	Do Ord	134	..			7.9
104	78½	Warrington (T)	98	..	8.9	11.9	9.2
210	162	Watts Blake	210	..	8.1	3.8	17.8
93	63	Western Bros	68	+2	..	..	11.1
84	33	Wiggins	42	..	..	..	..
200	155	Wilson (Connolly)	198	..	5.7	1.9	10.8
180	95	Wimpey (George)	146	-6	4.4	3.0	8.9

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
27½	18½	AKZO N/V Bearer	23½	-½	40c	1.6	..
232	148½	Allied Colloids	231	..	3.0	1.3	26.6
348	233	Amersham	338	..	7.8	2.3	13.8
103	85	Anchor Chemical	173	+1	3.5	2.0	15.3
79	43	Arbor Chemical	68	+5	2.4	4.3	8.8
39½	27½	Bayer DM50	33½	+½	700	12.2	..
136	104	Blagden	134	..	10.0	7.5	13.0
114	94	Brent Chems	107	+1	4.8	3.9	10.7
17½	11	Br Benzol	11½	..	..	..	..
67	51	Br Tar Products	62	..	5.0	6.1	12.6
129	77	Canning (W)	116	+1	4.9	4.3	13.0
231	161	Cookson	231	+2	8.4	3.7	10.7
150	86	Croda Int	135	+6	5.0c	3.9	10.4
19	10	Do 'A'	18½	+½	0.6c	3.3	16.2
38	21	Cory (Horace)	33½	..	2.3	6.8	16.7
134	98	Croda	126	..	10.0	8.0	18.0
87	52	Do Old	84	..			10.1
220	185	Bibby & Everard	220	..	8.4	3.8	20.4
109	90	Halstead (James)	74	..	5.0	6.8	7.4
468	338	Hickson	456	..	14.3	3.1	12.9
48	48	Hoechst DM50	53	+2			
748	550	Imp Chem Ind	738	..	37.1	5.0	11.9
264	234	Laporte	403	+3	10.8	2.7	28.8
113	81	Leigh	103	..	5.2	2.9	30.0
241	187	Pilkington	230	..	4.1	1.7	17.5
187	118	Rentokil	157	+1	2.8	1.8	69.4
118	89	Stevens Plastic	98	+1	3.5	3.6	13.5
180	130	Watson&Jones Rank	176	..	9.6	5.5	10.3
72	39	Yorkshire Chem	68	+1	1.6a	2.7	19.9

CINEMAS AND TV

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
199	153	Anglia TV 'A'	192	..	10.7	5.6	13.6
114	88	Grampian	94	..	6.6	7.0	6.2
188	138	HTV N/V	188	..	10.0	7.9	9.2
261	182	LWT 'A'	208	..	20.0	7.7	8.8
190	104	Scot TV 'A'	154	..	11.9	7.7	7.2
198	78	TVS N/V	134	..	7.1	5.3	9.9
37	24	TSW	32	..	2.1	6.7	8.1

DRAPERY AND STORES

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
430	292	ASR	364	..	8.3	2.3	8.0
82	52	Associated 'A'	62	..	2.9	4.6	8.8
114	94	Bestwick (James) 'A'	108	..	4.9	4.5	11.0
51	40	Bentalls	51	+5	2.6	5.1	23.5
62	40	Brasher	57	..	3.6	6.3	43.5
281	181	B Home Stores	275	..	8.6	3.1	17.3
230	180	Brown (A)	229	..	11.4	5.2	13.4
421	211	Burton	421	+7	9.3	2.2	20.0
		Card (A) &Sons			0.7		
77	58	Carsons A	77	+1	2.9	4.9	6.2
48	26	Casket (S)	48	..	2.7	5.8	7.9
450	353	Church	450	..	15.7	3.5	13.2
94	47	Combined English	94	..	5.7	6.0	17.5
140	80	Courts (Furn) 'A'	135	..	6.7	6.4	6.3
574	423	Currys	574	..	11.6	1.9	20.0
220	141	Debenhams	218	+6	11.1	5.2	13.3
102	88	Dewhirst (A)	95	..	3.4	1.5	19.8
574	422	Dixons	574	..	8.6	1.5	19.3
275	90	Dunhill	275	+2	4.4	1.6	15.9
67½	34½	Elks & Goldsmith	67½	+½	3.5	4.2	12.8
380	280	Fitz (Wheelwright)	380	+10	10.7	2.8	19.8
58	38	Empire Stores	58	+2	1.9	1.8	24.6
146	81	Etam	146	+1	3.0	2.0	24.8
48	27	Executive Clothes	30	..	..	..	5.7
78	57	Fine Art Dev	78	..	4.3	5.5	24.5
31	22	Ford (Martin)	25½	..	..	..	..
175	128	Formester	150	..	7.9	5.3	8.8

THE TIMES
FINANCE AND INDUSTRY
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The flight towards parity with Dow and dollar

When the price and yield of War Loan, the best known and least celebrated stock in the gilt-edged list, touched it was as if comets had collided. An awesome event that filled the City with a deep foreboding. A decade later eyes are again turned towards the night sky: after a tumultuous year the London market is moving towards another momentous collision – parity with New York.

Soaring equity prices have taken the *Financial Times* ordinary share index to within 48 points of 1000. Wall Street, lately stricken by the implications of the American trade and budget deficits, is moving down towards the same figure. In the foreign exchange market the pound continues to droop: at $1.1587, a one-for-one exchange rate no longer seems far fetched.

In the foreign exchange market, sterling has consistently tracked the fall in oil prices. The Government is fortunate in that lower dollar prices for oil raise the Exchequer's sterling revenue from oil taxes. Without this windfall pressures on the public sector borrowing requirement from the miner's strike and unemployment costs might by now have forced changes in policy. If oil prices continue to weaken – a tighter monetary policy in the United States would lower world oil demand in an already over supplied market – the oft repeated recovery in sterling is hard to see.

The 1984 devaluation of sterling, broadly 12 per cent, presumably delights Labour and seems not to trouble the Government. From where the fund managers are sitting, it is an invitation, which most of them have accepted, to look again at British ordinary shares, and not merely at companies making appreciable overseas profits which improve in sterling terms as the pound drops.

Despite confident forecasts, perhaps because of them, the cautious money managers are not convinced that the effective rate of inflation will not rise this year. The cherished monetarist policy, as the money supply figures and the wilting gilt-edged market bear witness, is not as tight as it should be. House prices are rising at double figure rates. Earnings are accelerating at a disturbing pace.

So far, the equity market has taken everything in its stride. For real and figurative reasons, Bass looks like the share of a remarkably rewarding year. Britain's largest brewer, Bass, has concentrated systematically on refining the output techniques and product range of its basic business – ale. Rival brewers have joined in the fashionable drive to diversify into a looser structure of leisure activities. The results are a tribute to Mr Derek Palmar and his colleagues.

Bass volumes last year shot ahead by 5 per cent. Cash poured into the Treasury. Profits raced ahead. Bass now has virtual stranglehold on the crucial high margin larger market.

Archaic structure

The knock-on impact of Bass's preeminence is perhaps even more significant. Diversification has cost the competing brewers money. Average gearing is now high and as competition from Bass constrains cash flows, gearing is pushed inexorably higher. But the opportunity to replenish the capital base can be limited by archaic and discriminatory capital structure, which the City dislikes.

The contrast beween hard line management by sector leaders which are mopping up old-established and asset rich family and simply paternalistic groups is the equity theme of the year. We heard it in the bitterly contested Dixons-Currys bid. Dixons' hungry expansionism and management drive ought to have been thwarted by the depth of the Curry family's share holding. Dixons won because the City voted for its offer.

The refrain was heard again in Racal's acquisition of Chubb, a paternalistic company which had moved too slowly.

In the struggle between management and tradition, it is clear which side the City majority is backing. This is hardly surprising. Financial markets have been exposed to world pricing structures, in terms of yield curves, since exchange controls were scrapped late in 1979. Parts of British industry have agains started backsliding in the analogous area of international unit cost parity. Hence the City's enthusiasm for well-run companies. Share ratings matter as never before.

Fund managers especially, but private members, too, have interesting decisions to make. They can build up core holdings in the well-managed British companies, which now attract premium ratings in a market moving rapidly towards a two-tier status structure. Every equity portfolio should include Bass, Racal, Dixons, Dee Corporation, Bunzl, Cable and Wireless, and Redland. These are companies dynamically directed which have spent the recession trimming costs and waiting for Britain's inevitable lurch back into spending on the country's infrastructure.

They can also spot the highly regarded "family" company, burdened with capital, product and succession problems, and wait for the predators to pounce. Favourites in this category are Pilkington, TI Group, English China Clays, possibly Reckitts and Colman and Land Securities. Take out prices ought to reflect what the bidder calculates he can earn on the assets, and add up to a hefty premium on current share prices. The game is not new. What has changed is the City's attitude to underperforming companies, which is now caustic.

Exceptions to the general rules, of course, abound. Cable and Wireless is capable of launching some highly successful raids on some of the more lucrative business parts of British Telecom's traffic in Britain. But Telecom itself is certainly immune from takeover. In food retailing, Sainsbury is an exceptionally well-managed company with a strong family tradition. Ferranti plays a similar role in electronics.

The concept, however, does extend to the most honoured household name in Britain – Marks and Spencer. Concept retailing has really taken Britain by storm in the last few years, witness the extraordinary success of Mr Ralph Halpern of Burtons. M & S might well be forced to alter it image, and remodel its sophisticated structure of quoted, but dependent, suppliers, at some stage in the eighties.

Glaxo is a strong candidate for any portfolio. The company posesses a "wonder drug", Zantac, which has transformed its profits. In 1982, Glaxo was earning £134 million; by 1985/86, the prtetax figure amounts to £500 millionm, with Zantac the main motor of growth.

Sadly, such outstanding product stories were few and far between during 1984. The underlying tale in British industry, despite the stock market's flattering heights is one of continued attrition. Corporate bankruptcies are still running at a very high level. Some form of rescue service does exist, it is true, in the shape of the Bank of England's industrial lifeboat, whose shadowy existence cannot detract from the solidity of its achievement. Hardly a British household name has actually gone under during Britain's industrial recession.

ORDINARY SHARES FOR MOST SEASONS

Company	Price p	1984 High p	1984 Low p	Yield %	P/E
LEANER & FITTER					
Bass	482	482	300	3.8	11.8
Dixon's	575	575	215	1.2	19.3
Racal	260	286	192	1.6	17.5
Dee	206	210	106	3.3	20.2
Bunzl	427	195	427	2.1	15.8
Cable & Wireless	445	448	270	2.1	15.8
Redland	297	318	220	4.6	11.3
QUARRIES					
Pilkington	300	350	222	6.1	6.4
TI	234	290	164	6.1	7.9
English CC	256	267	202	5.5	11.0
Reckitt & Colman	563	578	398	3.6	17.8
Land Secs	310	318	249	3.3	28.6
GOOD PRODUCTS					
Glaxo	£11	£11	700p	1.7	21.1
LONG ODDS					
Plessey	210	248	188	2.6	14.1
Dunlop	25*	48	24	* Shares suspended	

Chancellor to plan tax cuts at weekend Budget meeting

By William Kay and David Smith

The annual get-together of Treasury ministers, signalling the formal start fo the Budget planning process, is expected to take place over the weekend of January 11-13.

The meetings, at which the entire Treasury team and political advisers, but no officials, will be present, are expected to be held at Chevening, near Sevenoaks, Kent, the official residence of the Foreign Secretary.

The Treasury declined to confirm that such a gathering is planned. However, a mid-January Budget session has become a regular event in recent years.

This year, speculation on the size of the potential tax cuts at the Chacellor's disposal has started early, with a figure of £3 billion being circulated, almost before the ink was dry on the autumn statement, which incorporated a tax cut, or implied fiscal adjustment figure, of £1.5 billion.

The official Treasury line is that £1.5 billion is still the figure the Chancellor is aiming at and that it could as easily disappear as double between now and the on March 19 Budget.

However, most outside observers expect the Chancellor to have considerably more than £1.5 billion at his disposal, partly because of the effect of the lower pound on North Sea oil revenues.

The Treasury assumed in the autumn statement that the sterling index would remain stable. However, within that overall stability, a dollar rate of $1.30 is believed to have been assumed.

The present exchange rate of around $1.16, if maintained, should add around £1.8 billion to North Sea oil revenues in 1985/86.

The Treasury team, as well as discussing the size of the tax giveaway, will be examining the room for extending value added tax, and for continuing fiscal reform.

Already, the hostile reaction to some of the possible extentions of VAT, particularly books and children's clothing and footwear, and to taxing pension lump sums, has indicated to the Treasury that it is running up against powerful special interests.

The stockbrokers, Simon & Coates, in a new forecast for 1985 published today, predicts that the Chancellor will raise an additional £500 million from extending the VAT net, including £350 million from putting VAT on public transport.

Nigel Lawson: looking to extend VAT

This, together with a one-off, tax-raising measure, such as last year's move to bring forward VAT on imports, should leave the Chancellor with a comfortable £2 billion with which to increase income tax thresholds, Simon & Coates says.

They argue that this would involve no net demand stimulus, since the tax cuts would simply offset the impact of reduced public spending in relation to GDP.

Simon & Coates is one of four stockbrokers to issue economic forecasts for 1985. The others are Phillips & Drew, Wood, Mackenzie and Capel-Cure Myers, and they show a remarkable degree of unanimity about the outlook.

Interest rates, they agree, are set to come down from the present base rate level of around 9½ per cent to as low as 8 per cent a year hence, and Capel-Cure projects a fall to 6 per cent by the end of 1986.

The pond should remain stable against most other currencies, and recover to 1.30 against the US dollar. Despite this, exports should increase by 5 per cent over the year, helping to achieve a 3 to 3.5 per cent growth rate in the economy.

Consumer spending is expected to rise at a slightly slower rate.

The only noticeable area of dispute among these forecasters is inflation. Their predictions for this year vary from the 4¼ per cent of Somon & Coates to 5½ per cent by Phillips & Drew.

● Cambridge Econometrics, a forecasting group linked to the University of Cambridge Department of Appled Economics, says today that up to 200,000 extra jobs could be created within three years if labour costs could be cut through either lower taxes or structural changes in the labour market. But the full benefits will be gained only if the Government relaxes its monetary stance to avoid a rise in the pound.

Imports hit jobs in shoe industry

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

British manufacturers are losing their share of the still buoyant footwear market to imports. As a result, the number of jobs in the industry has fallen and short-time working has increased.

Previously, with manufacturers enjoying increased British exports, the industry workforce had held fairly steady. But the latest returns of the British Footwear Manufacturers Federation show a reduction of 200 jobs in September to 50,200.

The number on short time compared with the same period a year before, jumped nearly 40 per cent in Septembr to 4,600. Overtime working was down by a fifth compared with the same time last year.

So far there are no reports of companies in trouble, except for one tiny manufacturer near Northampton, which has closed.

In October nearly half the British makers were working below capacity, compared with less than a fifth for most of the year. The industry appears increasingly anxious about prospects in 1985, says the federation.

It does not, however, see a repetition of the widespread closures which hit the industry during 1981. There should now be a countervailing effect as more companies embark on new design and marketing strategies while cutting costs, the federation argues.

But in its latest quarterly review the federation admits that the import picture continues to be "extremely disturbing". In the first half of 1984 imports were up 21 per cent compared with the same period of 1983 and the third quarter increase was still 18 per cent at a time when imports usually slacken considerably. Imports by volume, which in 1983 stood at 56 per cent, are now almost 61 per cent.

Between January and September huge volume increases were reported from Spain (up 61 per cent), Brazil (plus 34 per cent) and Taiwan (a 36 per cent rise), all key suppliers to the British market. The biggest importer, Italy, showed a rise of 15 per cent.

Third quarter import penetration was 51 per cent by value, demonstrating how importers are moving increasingly out of cheaper footwear.

The bright spot for British makers is exports, which account for nearly 15 per cent of production. Exports were up 9 per cent in volume in the third quarter of 1984. In the first nine months of the year exports to the EEC were up 14 per cent in volume.

'Informal agreement' with Opec to hold N Sea oil prices

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, the Energy Minister, and the British National Oil corporation said last night that an informal agreement has been made with the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to leave North Sea oil prices unchanged for at least a month.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, two of the most dominant and pro-British members of Opec, have said that agreement was made to give the Opec accord on production quotas and the new price structure reached on Saturday in Geneva a chance to work and bring stability to the confused world oil market.

However, the Department of Energy and BNOC deny that a formal agreement has been reached. Officially, the government relationship remains unchanged, with the setting of North Sea prices a matter entirely for BNOC and the level of production in the hands of the oil companies operating offshore.

But over the weekend Saudi Arabia and Kuwait said that they had been in touch with "British Government sources".

Alick Buchanan-Smith: confirmed informal agreement.

Sheikh Ali Khalifa al Saba, the Kuwaiti oil minister, said in Geneva, that an informal agreement for a month had been reached with BNOC to see if Opec can shore up the world oil price before any new decision is taken on North Sea pricing.

In a clear reference to BNOC's losses – Parliament has had to vote an extra £45 million to cover losses from September 19 to the end of the year – the Kuwaiti oil minister said: "What will develop will depend on whether Britain is concerned with the short-term notional losses of a small oil trading company or profits coming to the whole state."

Opec has given a warning that any long-term pattern of price cutting by Britain would lead to similar moves by its members, who by using their massive potential output would force prices to below the economic level for many North Sea fields.

The denials from Britain will do little to improve strained relations with Opec and equally do little to improve world confidence in Opec's ability to maintain its existing price structure.

If North Sea prices are to be cut in the coming weeks at least one Opec member, Nigeria, has said that it will break ranks and match any North Sea price, particularly as its output compares directly with Britain's in quality and like Britain and Norway feels that the price gap between the best-selling cheaped and heavy crudes and its own production is too wide under the present Opec structure.

IN BRIEF

German buy for Apricot maker

Applied Computer Techniques (Holdings), the Midlands-based group which makes the Apricot personal computer, is to take over Beaugrand Datentechnik of West Germany for between £275,000 and £540,000. the price will depend on the net assets of Beaugrand at completion. The deal will give ACT a stronger springboard from which to sell the Apricot in Germany.

Bass benefits

Mr Ian Prosser, group managing director of Bass, the brewing and leisure giant, says in his annual review: "The rationalization which has taken place over the past three years in now decreasing, and the benefits are to be found in the re-established cost base which adds so much to the profitability of each additional barrel of beer sold."

Atlanta advice

Atlanta Investment Trust is telling shareholders not to remain as minority investors now that Grovebell has won control. They should accept the cash offer or sell in the market.

Bid agreed

Control Securities is making an agreed £2.5 million bid for a fellow property company, Ascot Holdings. The terms are two Control shares for every five Ascot.

Ford-Fiat link 'likely'

By Alison Eadie

Ford Motor of the US may soon take a 13.56 per cent stake in Fiat, Italy's largest car manufacturer according to reports in Italian newspapers.

The stake is expected to be bought from the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank, a Fiat shareholder since 1977.

Fiat issued a statement saying it was negotiating a technical cooperation agreement with Ford, aimed at possible joint projects, but that the talks should be seen in the context of "a wider plurality of relations involving all other major automobile manufacturers on a permanent basis."

The Libyan Bank made no comment on the rumours, but Italian industrial sources reported that the bank had renewed its two appointees on the Fiat board and given no indication that it intended to cede participation.

On Monday Fiat ordinary shares rose sharply on the Ford reports, closing up 55 lire at 2,150 lire (96p).

The automobile division of Fiat had sales of 11.9 trillion lire (£5,298 million) in 1983 and is expected to increase sales by 5 per cent in 1984. Fiat car profits are also expected to rise from 80.6 billion lire in 1983.

THE TIMES
1785-1985

When cotton was king

Industry in 1785 meant cotton, the driving force of Britain's industrial revolution. The great metal-bashing industries of Birmingham and the Black Country were to take over later but, 200 years ago, cotton was king.

The Lancashire cotton industry provided the first widespread development of factories in Britain; at its peak it contributed nearly 10 per cent of gross domestic product and 50 per cent of exports.

Two of the luminaries of the Lancashire cotton industry were Sir Richard Arkwright (1732-1792) and Sir Robert Peel (1750-1830). For both, 1785 was an eventful year.

Arkwright, born in Preston, was the youngest of a family of 13, at 18 was apprenticed to a barber and wigmaker. Later, as a travelling wig salesman, he came into contact with the cotton industry and, in particular, the dramatic effects that new inventions like Kay's flying shuttle had on production.

Arkwright got together with a clockmaker and mechanic, also called Kay and in 1768 the two produced their first spinning machine.

Arkwright was, in the modern sense, an innovator rather than an inventor, incorporating other people's ideas into his own machines, and growing extremely rich in the process. In 1775, Arkwright took out a comprehensive patent on his "inventions," amid protests from the true inventors of the cotton industry like Hargreaves and Crompton.

However, it took 10 years, until 1785, before the objectors to Arkwright's patent succeeded in obtaining a court hearing over the patent. The Court of King's Bench agreed that many of the ideas patented by Arkwright were not his own, and his patents were immediately dissolved.

By that time, however, Arkwright was unstoppable. The removal of the patents hardly affected the growth of his cotton business. He was knighted, ironically, in 1786, and when he died in 1792 he left £500,000.

Even more prosperous was Peel, the father of the prime minister of the same name. Peel left £1.5 million on his death in 1830, all derived from the cotton industry, and he was said to be the richest man in Britain.

Peel was from yeoman peasant stock. His own father had entered the textile industry in the 1760s, forming a calico-printing firm with two men called Haworth and Yates, in Blackburn.

Sir Robert Peel joined his father's partners in a new venture in Bury, leaving his father in Blackburn.

As cotton prospered in 1785, the development of the canal network, begun around 1760, continued in what has come to be known as the canal age. By 1790, the Trent & Mersey, Staffordshire & Worcestershire, Birmingham, Coventry, Oxford, Chesterfield and Erewash canals had been built.

David Smith

BAT cleared of US anti-trust charges

By Our City Staff

BAT Industries, the tobacco, retailing paper and insurance group, has been finally cleared of violating US antitrust law through its 1978 acquisition of Appleton Papers, the leading US manufacturer of carbonless copying paper.

The US Federal Trade Commission's decision upholds a 1983 administrative law judge's ruling, which dismissed a 1980 FTC complaint. The complaint charged that BAT's acquisition might substantially lessen competition or tend to create a monopoly in the manufacture and sale of chemical carbonless paper in the US. It also alleged that BAT was a significant potential entrant into the US market.

The commission's decision stated the actual potential competition doctrine rests upon firmest ground when it is virtually certain that, but for the merger or acquisition, the prospective entrant would have entered the market on an independent basis in the near future. In its conclusion the commission said that the evidence did not provide clear proof that BATs would have entered independently but for Appleton.

Mr C. I. McCarty, chairman and chief executive of BATUS, the US holding company for BAT Industries, said: "There has never been any doubt in our minds that our acquisition of Appleton complied fully with the antitrust law. Unfortunately our vindication comes very late in the day.

"We have incurred millions of dollars in legal fees.

MARKET SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

FT Ind Ord ....952.3 (+7.1)
FT- A All Share ....N/A
FT Govt Securities ....81.71 (+0.03)
FT-SE 100 ....1282.2 (+6.6)
Bargains 17,323
Datastream USM ....104.84 (+0.7)
New York
Dow Jones ....1211.57 (+7.40)
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ....N/A
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ....1200.38 (+14.71)
Amsterdam: ....181.9 (+0.8)
Sidney: AO ....N/A
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank 1107.9 (unchanged)
Brussels:
General ....158.30 (unchanged)
Paris: CAC ....182.4 (unchanged)
Zurich:
SKA General ....320.10 (unchanged)

GOLD

London fixing:
am $309.00pm-$309.60
close $308.50-$309.50
New York:
Comex $307.95

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Reardon Smith ....9p +3.5p
Espley Trust ....23p +7p
Sunleigh Electrical ....8p +1p
J Hepworth ....191p +17p
Arthur Guinness ....244p +12p
Merchantile House ....354p +10p
Hanson Trust ....343p +10p
Thorn EMI ....484p +15p
Jackson Exploration ....103p+8p
Vosper ....165p +5p
McCorquodale ....190p +7p
Booker McConnell 234p +7p
British Land ....149p +5½p
Rank Hovis McDougall ..138p +10p
Feedback ....117p +10p
Keen & Scott Hldgs ....57p +4p
Belahven Brewery ....43p +3p
BBA Group ....59p +4p
Phoenix Timber ....142p +8p
SGB Group ....144p +8p
Brown & Jackson ....18p +1p
Glass, Glover ....298p +20p

FALLS:
Matthew Brown ....280p –30p
Wolverhampton Laundry ...34p –3p

CURRENCIES

London:
£: $ 1.587 (-0.0040)
£: DM 3.6560 (+0.0040)
£: SwFr 3.0130 (+0.0040)
£: FFr11.1750 (-0.0050)
£: Yen 291.40 (+0.30)
£ Index: 3.0 (-0.2)

New York:
£: $1.1582
$: DM 3.1560 (–0.0)
$ Index: 145.0 (+0.4)

INTEREST RATES

London:
Bank Base: 9¾%
3-month Interbank 10⅛-9⅞%
3-month eligible bills 9⅝-9½ buying rate

US:
Prime Rate 10.75%
Federal Funds 8%
3-month Treasury Bills 7.85% (7.55%)
Long bond 102(102¼):

BARCLAYS BANK ACT 1984.

The reorganisation of the Barclays Group took effect on 1st January 1985 and all branches of Barclays Bank International Limited have become branches of Barclays Bank PLC.

The quoted company, Barclays Bank PLC, has become the Group holding company and has changed its name to BARCLAYS PLC.

Barclays Bank International Limited has become the operating bank. It has been re-registered as a public limited company and has changed its name to BARCLAYS BANK PLC.

No action need be taken by stockholders or customers.

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2nd January, 1985

BARCLAYS

WALL STREET

	Dec 31	Dec 28
AMF Inc	14½	14
AMR	36	36½
Allied Corp	34½	33⅞
Allied Stores	49½	48⅝
Allis Chalmers	5⅞	6¼
Alcoa	37⅛	36⅞
Amax Inc	16¼	16¼
Amerada Hess	24⅝	24¼
Am Brands	64¼	63
Am Broadcast	63⅛	63⅛
Am Can	50½	50
Am Cyanamid	50	49⅝
Am Elec Power	21⅛	21
Am Home	50⅞	50⅝
Am Motors	3⅝	3½
Am Nat Res	39¼	38
Am Standard	30⅝	30⅝
Am Telephone	19⅝	19¼
Armco Steel	9⅞	9⅞
Asarco	19⅛	19⅛
Ashland Oil	24	24
Atlntc Richfield	44⅛	44¼
Avco	49⅝	49¼
Avon Products	21⅞	21½
Bankers Tst NY	54⅝	55⅝
Bank of America	18⅛	17¾
Bank of Boston	39⅝	39⅝
Bank of NY	35½	34⅞
Beatrice Foods	28¼	29
Bethlehem Steel	17½	16⅝
Boeing	58⅝	58¼
Boise Cascade	40⅝	40½
Borden	64⅞	64
Borg Warner	21⅞	20⅞
Bristol Myers	52⅞	52¼
BP	22⅝	22½
Burlington Ind	25⅝	25¼
Burlington Nthn	47	47
Burroughs	55⅝	57⅛
Campbell Soup	69⅞	69⅝
Canadian Pacific	38	37⅛
Caterpillar	31	31
Celanese	81¼	81⅛
Central Soya	16	16
Champion	22¼	21⅞
Chase Manhat	47⅞	45⅝
Chem Bank NY	34½	34⅝
Chevron	31¼	31
Chrysler	32	31⅞
Citicorp	38⅝	38⅝
Clark Equip	24⅞	25
Coca Cola	62⅝	62⅝
Colgate	25	24⅞
CBS	72⅞	72⅝
Columbia Gas	34	32⅝
Combustion Eng	32⅛	31⅞
Comwlth Edison	27⅞	27½
Cons Edison	30⅝	30¼
Cons Foods	31¼	31⅞
Cons Power	4½	4⅝
Control Data	35¼	35
Corning Glass	69	67⅛
CPC Intl	40	39⅞
Crane	35	34
Crocker Int	25⅞	25¼
Crown Zeller	33⅞	33⅞
Dart & Kraft	85¼	84⅞
Deere	29⅞	30⅛
Delta Air	43⅝	43⅞
Datron Edison	16	15½
Digital Equip	110⅝	110½
Disney	60¼	60½
Dow Chemical	27½	27⅛
Dresser Ind	18¼	18
Duke Power	29	28⅞
Du Pont	48½	48⅝
Eastern Air	4⅛	4⅛
Eastman Kodak	71⅞	71⅞
Eaton Corp	53⅞	52⅞
Emerson Elect	68⅞	69⅞
Evans Prod	3⅝	3⅝

	Dec 31	Dec 28
Exxon Corp	45	44⅞
Fed Dept Stores	51⅝	50¼
Firestone	17	19⅞
Fst Chicago	21⅝	20⅞
Fst Intrst Bncp	43	42⅞
Fst Penn Corp	6	5⅞
Ford	45⅝	45⅝
GAF Corp	24½	24⅝
GTE Corp	40⅝	40⅛
Gen Corp	34¼	34⅝
Gen Dynamics	69½	68⅝
Gen Electric	56⅝	56⅝
Gen Foods	55⅛	55⅝
Gen Mills	50⅞	50⅝
Gen Motors	78⅛	77¾
Gen Pub Util NY	11⅝	11⅝
Genesco	5⅝	5½
Georgia Pacific	25	24½
Gillette	56⅝	55⅞
Goodrich	27	25⅞
Goodyear	25	25⅞
Gould Inc	21⅛	20½
Grace	39¼	38⅝
Gt Atlic & Pacific	16	15⅝
Greyhound	24⅛	24
Grumman Corp	27¼	26
Gulf & West	28⅝	28½
Heinz H. J.	43	43⅛
Hercules	33⅞	33
Honeywell	63¼	62¼
IC Inds	28⅞	27¼
Ingersoll	45½	44⅞
Inland Steel	23¼	22⅝
IBM	123	123⅝
Int Harvester	8¼	8
INCO	12⅝	12¼
Int Paper	53⅞	53½
Int Tel Tel	29⅝	28⅝
Irving Bank	32⅛	32⅛
Jim Walter	31⅞	31⅛
Johnson & John	36¼	35⅞
Kaiser Alumin	14⅝	14¼
Kerr McGee	27⅞	27½
Kimberly Clark	47⅝	47⅝
K Mart	35	34⅝
Kroger	39¼	39
L.T.V. Corp	9⅞	10
Litton	64¼	64
Lockheed	44	43⅝
Lucky Stores	17⅞	17⅞
Manuf Hanover	38⅝	36⅛
Manville Cp	5⅞	5⅞
Mapco	26⅝	25⅞
Marine Midland	28⅝	28¼
Martin Marietta	44½	44
McDonnell	71⅞	71
Mead	34¼	33⅝
Merck	94	93¼
Minnesota Mng	78⅞	78⅞
Mobil Oil	27¼	28⅛
Monsanto	44	43¼
Morgan J. P.	78⅝	78¼
Motorola	33¼	35
NCR Corp	26⅞	26⅝
NL Industries	11⅝	10⅝
Nabisco	51¼	50⅞
Nat Distillers	26⅛	25⅞
Nat Med Ent	23⅞	22⅞
Norfolk South	58⅝	58¼
NW Bancorp	23	22⅞
Occidental Pet	28	27¾
Ogden	28¼	28
Olin Corp	30	30
Owens-Illinois	40¼	40⅞
Pacific Gas Elec	16⅞	16⅞
Pan Am	4⅝	4½
Penney J. C.	46½	46½
Pennzoil	44½	44¼
Pepsico	43	42
Pfizer	42¼	42⅛
Phelps Dodge	13⅞	13⅞

	Dec 31	Dec 28
Philip Morris	80⅝	80⅛
Phillips Petrol	44⅝	45⅞
Polaroid	27¼	27½
PPG Ind	33	32⅞
Proctor Gamble	57	56⅝
Pub Ser El & Gas	28⅝	28
Raytheon	40⅛	41⅞
RCA Corp	36	36¼
Reynolds Ind	72	71⅝
Reynolds Metal	33½	33¼
Rockwell Int	30⅝	29⅞
Royal Dutch	49⅝	49⅞
Safeways	27⅛	27½
SFE Sopac	25⅛	25¼
SCM	42⅞	41⅞
Schlumberger	38⅝	37⅝
Scott Paper	34⅝	33⅞
Seagram	40¼	39
Sears Roebuck	31⅞	31½
Shell Oil	55⅝	54⅝
Shell Trans	30⅝	30⅝
Signal Co	33⅛	33⅛
Singer	29⅝	29⅝
Smithkline Beck	52⅝	51⅝
Sony	14¼	14⅛
Sth Cal Edison	22⅛	22⅝
Sperry Corp	41⅝	40⅝
Std Oil Indiana	52⅞	54⅛
Std Oil Ohio	42	42
Sterling Drug	28⅝	28
Stevens J. P.	17½	17
Sun Comp	46⅛	46
Teledyne	245	248⅛
Tenneco	37⅞	37⅝
Texaco	34⅝	34¼
Texas East Corp	29½	28⅞
Texas Inst	118⅛	118¼
Texas Utilities	26⅝	28⅛
Textron	33⅞	33⅞
TWA	31	31½
Travelers Corp	37½	37⅛
TRW Inc	72½	72
UAL Inc	44	44⅝
Union Carbide	36⅝	37¼
Unocal	37	37⅛
Un Pacific Corp	40⅞	40⅞
Uniroyal	13⅝	13⅝
United Brands	10⅝	10¼
US Steel	26⅛	25⅞
Utd Technol	36¼	36⅝
Wachovia	28⅝	28⅝
Warner Lambert	34⅝	35¼
Wells Fargo	47⅝	47⅛
Westnghse Elec	26⅛	25½
Weyerhauser	28¼	28⅝
Whirlpool	46½	46¼
Woolworth	37	36⅝
Xerox Corp	38	38½
Zenith	19⅞	19⅝
CANADIAN PRICES		
Abitibi	32⅝	33
Alcan Alumin	37⅞	37¼
Algoma Steel	18⅞	18½
Bell Telephone	35½	35½
Can Pacific	50	50
Cominco	12	12¼
Cons Bathurst	16	16
Gulf Oil	15⅝	15⅝
Hawker/Sid Can	17¼	17¼
Hudson Bay Mnn	6⅛	6¼
Imasco	47¼	47⅝
Imperial Oil	42⅝	42¼
Int Pipe	34½	34⅝
Mass.-Fergsn	3.65	3.60
Royal Trustco	17⅛	18
Seagram	53	51½
Steel Co	20⅝	20⅝
Thomson N 'A'	50⅞	50⅝
Walker Hiram	24⅝	23⅝
WCT	15⅛	15

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Dow edges forward

New York (Reuter) – Wall Street share prices closed 1984 on a high note in moderate trading on Monday.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 7.40 points to 1211.57. The average price per share rose 17 cents and the New York stock exchange index rose 0.49 to 96.38 for the year.

In the broader market, advancing issues led losing issues 982 to 589. Volume on the New York stock exchange rose to 80.26 million from 77.07 million on the previous session.

Meanwhile in Washington the Commerce Department said the US economy will be somewhat less vigorous in 1985, but most industries will expand output and earn higher profits.

The department said in its annual report on the American industrial outlook that economic growth will slow to about 4.3 per cent in 1985 from 5.7 per cent in 1984.

But it said 85 per cent of 209 manufacturing industries studied should have profitable years in 1985, with high-technology producers leading the way.

Most industries will grow somewhat less than in 1984, but higher defence spending should mean a banner year for aerospace manufacturers and primary metal producers, the Department said.

Among service industries, which account for about two-thirds of total output, most will expand in 1985 and continue to provide the majority of new jobs.

COMMODITIES

The figures for London Metals, gold futures and London Grains refer to Friday's trading.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne; Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton; Gas-oil in US $ per metric tonne.
G W Joynson and Co report

RUBBER	
Feb	660–613
Mar	665–20
Apr	675–23
May	685–38
Jun	695–48
Jly	705–658
Aug	718–668
Sep	728–678
Oct	738–688
Apr/Jun	685–39
Jly/Sep	718–668
Oct/Dec	749–698
Vol:	Nil

COCOA	
Dec	Expired
Mch	1874–71
May	1886–85
Jly	1893–91
Sep	1895–91
Dec	1845–40
Mch	1850–35
Vol:	2,263

GAS OIL	
Dec	Expired
Jan	216.00–15.75
Feb	215.50–25
Mch	212.75–25
Apr	211.50–00
May	211.00–10.00
Jun	214.00–08.00
Jly	214.00–08.00
Aug	215.00–08.00
Vol:	1,123

COFFEE	
Jan	2195–91
Mch	2237–35
May	2270–50
Jly	2275–50
Sep	2260–52
Nov	2265–55
Jan	2259–25
Vol:	3,710

SUGAR	
Mch	119.2–19.0
May	128.2–126.0
Aug	136.6–36.4
Oct	143.4–43.2
Dec	150.4–50.2
Mch	165.0–64.4
May	172.0–71.0
Vol:	195

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices:
Official turnover figures
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co Ltd report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1126–1126.5
Three months	1132–1132.5
T/O	16,400
Tone	Steadier
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1120–1122
Three months	1132–1134
T/O	25
Tone	Quiet
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	9935–9945
Three months	9905–9910
T/O	410
Tone	Steady
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	9955–9965
Three months	9925–9935
T/O	20
Tone	Quiet
LEAD	
Cash	388–390
Three months	326.5–327
T/O	3,500
Tone	Steady
ZINC STANDARD	
Cash	680–681
Three months	675–676
T/O	2,300
Tone	Steady
ZINC HIGH GRADE	
Cash	742–744
Three months	719–720
T/O	300
Tone	Steady but quiet
SILVER LARGE	
Cash	548.5–549.5
Three months	560.5–561.0
T/O	37
Tone	Steady
SILVER SMALL	
Cash	548.5–549.5
Three months	560.5–561.0
T/O	Nil
Tone	Idle
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	903–905
Three months	925–926
T/O	4,400
Tone	Firmer
NICKEL	
Cash	4090–4100
Three months	4140–4145
T/O	1,308
Tone	Steadier

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Feb	309.70–310.00
Vol	68
Tone	Quiet

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION:
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on December 31:
GB: Cattle, 96.25p per kg lw (–1.65).
GB: Sheep, 196.51p per kg est d c w (+0.82).
GB: Pigs, 88.29p per kg lw (–0.03).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. up 293.8 per cent, ave. price, 96.25p (–3.17).
Sheep nos. up 771.4 per cent, ave. price, 196.51p (–7.40).

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES MARKET

Month	Wheat Close	Barley Close
Jan	£109.60	£110.90
Mar	£113.00	£113.50
May	£116.75	£116.70
Jly	£118.70	..
Sep	£98.05	£98.00
Nov	£101.25	£101.35

Total lots traded
Wheat 257
Barley 88

Record year for liquidations

By Our City Staff

Last year was the worst on record for company liquidations and bankruptcies, according to the latest comprehensive survey by Dun & Bradstreet, the business information company.

Company liquidations in England and Wales reached 13,647, and increase of 9.5 per cent on 1983 and nearly 23 per cent on 1982. Bankruptcies among individuals, firms and partnerships rose to 8,035 in 1984, 18 per cent up on 1983.

Compulsory winding-up orders rose 23 per cent and voluntary liquidations by 1.6 per cent.

Retailing was again the worst-hit sector, accounting for 27.5 per cent of all liquidations and suffering a 24 per cent rise in liquidations over 1983.

The other badly hit sectors included motor trades, 11.2 per cent of total liquidations, but 5.1 per cent down on 1983; building and construction, 11 per cent of liquidations; engineering, nearly 10 per cent of liquidations and a 4.1 per cent increase on 1983; and textiles at 7 per cent of liquidations.

Mr John Dawson, public affairs director of Dun & Bradstreet, said: "While business failures continue to be a problem, the rate of failure would appear to be slowing down. Combined with new business start-ups, it is apparent that the net gain of business births over deaths is increasing."

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Money markets kept a firm front on the last day of 1984, with wholesale rates pushing upward as Sterling weakened and American interest rates began rising again.

The Bank of England supplied £1.37 billion to the market, as the recent sell off of shares in British Telecom continued to put strain on cash resources. The three-month sterling interbank rate was unchaged at 10¹⁄₁₆ – 9¹⁵⁄₁₆ per cent, but one month rates crept ¹⁄₁₆ higher to 9¹¹⁄₁₆ – 9⁹⁄₁₆ per cent.

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9½-9½
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight: High 9¼ Low 9¼
Week fixed: 9½-9¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	9⁹⁄₃₂	2 months	9¼
3 months	9⁹⁄₃₂	3 months	9⁹⁄₃₂

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)

1 month	9¹⁹⁄₃₂-9¹⁵⁄₃₂	2 months	9⅝-9¼
3 months	9⅝-9⅝	6 months	9²⁵⁄₃₂-9⅝

Trade Bills (Discount %)

1 month	10⅛	2 months	9⅞
3 months	9⅞	6 months	10⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 9½-9½ close 11-10

1 week	9⅝-9½	6 months	10⅛-10⅛
1 month	9⅝-9⅝	9 months	10⅛-10⅛
3 months	10¹⁄₁₆-9¹⁵⁄₁₆	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

Local Authority Deposits (%)

2 days	10½	7 days	10½
1 month	10½	3 months	9⅞
6 months	9⅞	12 months	10

Local Authority Bonds (%)

1 month	10½-10	2 months	10¼-9¾
3 months	10½-10	6 months	10½-10
9 months	10⅛-10⅛	12 months	10⅛-10⅛

Sterling CDs (%)

1 month	9⅝-9½	3 months	9⅞-9¾
6 months	9	12 months	10⅞-9¹⁵⁄₁₆

Dollar CDs (%)

1 month	8.35-8.25	3 months	8.50-8.40
6 months	8.95-8.85	12 months	9.85-9.55

EURO-CURRENCY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	9½-7¼
7 days	8⅞-8⅝	1 month	8⅞-8⅝
3 months	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	6 months	9⅜-9¼
Deutschmark		call	5⅞-5⅝
7 days	5⅝-5⅜	1 month	5⅝-5⅜
3 months	5⅝-5½	6 months	5⅝-5½
French Franc		call	11-10
7 days	10⅞-10⅝	1 month	10⅞-10⅝
3 months	10¹⁵⁄₁₆-10¹¹⁄₁₆	6 months	11⅛-11
Swiss Franc		call	2-1
7 days	3½-3	1 month	4⅝-4⅜
3 months	4⅝-4½	6 months	4⅞-4¹¹⁄₁₆
Yen		call	6⅛-5⅞
7 days	6⁹⁄₁₆-6⁷⁄₁₆	1 month	6⅛-6⅛
3 months	6⅝-6⅛	6 months	6⅝-6⅛

GOLD

Krugerrand* (per coin):
$318-319 (£273.50-274.50)
Sovereigns* (new):
$72.50-73.50 (£62.25-63.25)
*Excludes VAT

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme 1V Average reference rate for interest period 3 November, 1984 to 4 December, 1984, inclusive: 9.904 per cent.

TREASURY BILL TENDER

December 31:
Applications: £508.200m allotted £100m.
Bids at: 97.725% received 35%
Last week: 97.725% received 28%
Average rate: £9.1225% Last week: £9.1125%
Next week: £100m replace £100m

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling was again in trouble in the foreign exchanges on Monday, falling to more new trading lows against the American dollar. Throughout the day the pound was marked well below 1.16, and finally closed at 1.1587.

Against other leading currencies, the British unit held relatively steady, ending the day a touch higher against the German mark, for example, at 3.6543. But on trade-weighted basis, the pound was down, with that index closing at 73.2, against 73.0 previously.

The final tally for the pound in 1984 was a fall of 20.2 per cent against the dollar.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range December 31	Market rates close December 31	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.1555-1.1640	$1.1580-1.1595	0.12-0.09c prem	0.33-0.29c prem
Montreal	$1.5275-1.5375	$1.5291-1.5329	0.02-0.11c disc	0.01-0.13c disc
Amsterdam	4.1020-4.1350fl	4.1157-4.1307fl	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4c prem
Brussels	72.91-73.40f	73.12-73.33f	5-10c disc	10-18c disc
Copenhagen	13.0375-13.1010k	13.0390-13.0675k	2⅝-3⅞ore disc	4½-6⅞ore disc
Dublin	1.1682-1.1737p	1.1689-1.1699p	46-82p disc	116-146p disc
Frankfurt	3.6386-3.6620m	3.6500-3.6605m	1⅞-1⅛pf prem	3⅞-3⅛pf prem
Lisbon	195.65-197.90e	195.70-197.12e	180-585e disc	520-1640e disc
Madrid	199.85-202.00p	199.87-201.29p	50-65p disc	155-185p disc
Milan	2227.20-2247.00lr	2234.94-2243.83lr	7-12lr disc	22-30lr disc
Oslo	10.5125-10.5850k	10.5146-10.5399k	2⅝-3⅞ore disc	7⅛-8⅝ore disc
Paris	11.1500-11.2225f	11.1573-11.2066f	1½-1⅞c disc	1⅛-3c disc
Stockholm	10.3700-10.4500k	10.3728-10.4084k	2⅞-3⅞ore disc	7⅛-8⅝ore disc
Tokyo	290.03-292.70y	291.12-291.73y	1-½y prem	3⅛-2½y prem
Vienna	25.60-25.72sch	25.60-25.67sch	8½-4½gro prem	17½-13⅞gro prem
Zurich	3.0075-3.0250f	3.0079-3.0176f	1⅝-1⅛fr prem	3⅝-1⅞fr prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down 0.2 at 73.0 (day's range 73.1-72.9).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina peso*	202.59-203.04
Australia dollar	1.4021-1.4051
Bahrain dinar	0.4350-0.4400
Brazil cruzeiro*	3670.12-3693.44
Cyprus pound	0.7375-0.7475
Finland marka	7.5465-7.5685
Greece drachma	148.35-150.35
Hongkong dollar	9.0548-9.0652
India rupee	14.21-14.41
Iraq dinar	n.a.
Kuwait dinar (KD)	0.3520-0.3516
Malaysia dollar	2.8109-2.8169
Mexico peso	225-260
New Zealand dollar	2.4306-2.4379
Saudi Arabia riyal	4.1420-4.1820
Singapore dollar	2.5209-2.5259
South Africa rand	2.3002-2.3063
United Arab Emirates dirham	4.2480-4.2880

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	0.9880-0.9900
Singapore	2.1760-2.1790
Malaysia	2.4270-2.4300
Australia	0.8250-0.8260
Canada	1.3210-1.3220
Sweden	8.9650-8.9950
Norway	9.0700-9.1000
Denmark	11.2500-11.3000
West Germany	3.1500-3.1550
Switzerland	2.6000-2.6050
Netherlands	3.5550-3.5600
France	9.6250-9.6550
Japan	251.40-251.70
Italy	1933-1938
Belgium(Comm)	63.20-63.30
Hong Kong	7.8185-7.8210
Portugal	169.75-170.75
Spain	173.15-173.45
Austria	22.10-22.15

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel. *Lloyds Bank International.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Mar 85	89.82	89.82	89.70	89.71	302
Jun 85	89.75	89.75	89.64	89.63	33
Sep 85	89.60	89.60	89.60	89.45	1
Dec 85	89.40	89.40	89.40	89.31	1
Mar 85	NT			89.19	
Previous day's total open interest 6521					
Three Month Eurodollar					
Mar 85	90.52	90.53	90.52	90.58	1260
Jun 85	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	29
Sep 85	NT			89.53	
Dec 85	NT			89.03	
Mar 86	NT			88.88	
Previous day's total open interest 9436					
US Treasury Bond					
Mar 85	71-11	71-12	71-09	71-14	183
Jun 85	70-20	70-24	70-20	70-23	40
Sep 85	NT				
Dec 85	NT				
Previous day's total open interest 1327					
Long Gilt					
Mar 85	106-18	106-17	106-10	106-10	483
Jun 85	105-28	105-30	105-25	105-23	38
Sep 85	NT			108-18	
Dec 85	108-20	108-20	108-20	108-20	235
Mar 85	108-02	108-02	108-02	108-02	235
Previous day's total open interest 3980					
FT-SE 100					
Dec 84	122.90	123.05	122.90	122.95	32
Mar 85	123.00	123.30	122.95	123.15	103
Jun 85	NT			122.85	0
Previous day's total open interest 1107					

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
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AUTHORIZED UNIT TRUSTS

Pensions are the strongest growth area in assurance

By Alison Eadie

Self-employed pensions were the strongest growth areas for life assurance companies last year, according to statistics from some of Britain's leading insurance companies.

The Prudential Assurance new personal retirement plan annual premiums rose 56 per cent to £38.2 million, although the overall figure for unit-linked annual premiums fell to £99 million from £101.3 million in 1983.

Scottish Widows' Fund and Life Assurance Society's new personal pension plus contract produced increases of 190 per cent in annual and 60 per cent in single premiums. New annual premium income for ordinary business assurances and annuities (including executive pension schemes) was £30 million, a 25 per cent increase on 1983. Single premium business inreased by 24 per cent to £72 million.

The Scottish Mutual Assurance Society notched up £4.93 million worth of new annual premiums in self-employed pensions, against £1.45 million in 1983 and £3.81 million of executive pensions, against £1.95 million previously. Overall, new annual premiums were 46 per cent higher at £20.95 million and single premiums rose to £34.02 million from £7.87 million in 1983.

The Prudential's overall new business figures showed a rise of only 3 per cent in new annual premiums to £316.9 million, but a rise of 34 per cent to £370 million in new single premiuim policies.

The figures show the impact of fears that the 1985 Budget in March will tax retirement pensions in some form and the impact of the abolition of the 15 per cent life assurance premium tax relief in last year's Budget, the Prudential said.

Scottish Mutual also pointed to the withdrawal of premium relief in 1984, after a boom in 1983 in ordinary life business due to Miras business, as the reason for the decline in ordinary annual premiums to £8.76 million from £9.23 million in 1983.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr Alan Horsford took over as chief executive of Royal Insurance from the start of this year following the retirement of Mr John Howard on December 31. Mr Horsford joined Royal in 1951 and became a general manager and a director in 1979.

Mr James Carrington Elmslie has been appointed deputy chairman of Pearl Assurance.

Sir Arnold Burgen has been made a non-executive director of Amersham International. Sir Arnold is Master of Darwin College, Cambridge and vice-president of the Royal Society.

Mr John Smith, a partner with the accountants Arthur Young McClelland Moores, today starts a three-month secondment to the Cabinet Office's Enterprise Unit, headed by Lord Young.

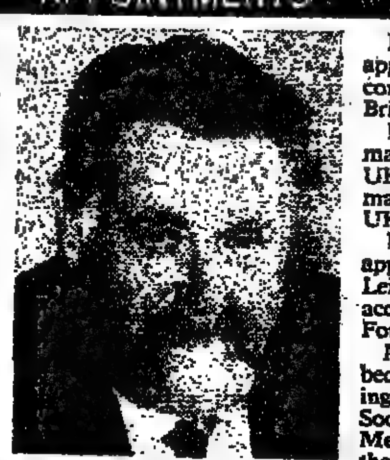
Mr John Powell of Shearson Lehman/American Express has been elected chairman of the United Kingdom Association of New York Stock Exchange members in succession to Mr Jason Bacon of Kidder Peabody. **Mr Alan Nash** of Paine Webber International has been elected deputy chairman.

Mr Matthew Craig has been made group managing director of William Procter & Sons of Sheffield. He joined the company seven years ago as contracts manager.

Mr Christopher Kelly has been appointed managing director of Reed Employment. He was previously managing director of Hertz (UK).

Mr Neville Mason is now director and general manager of Uni-Tubes.

Mr Graham Gauld, principal of Graham Gauld Public Relations in Glasgow, has been elected chairman of the Scottish Group of the Scottish Group of the Institute of Public Relations.



Mr Neville Mason: appointed director of Uni-Tubes

Mr R. M. Munro has joined the board of directors at Union Discount. **Mr R. R. Bowley** and **Mr J. R. Thursfield** have become assistant directors.

Mr Ian McPherson and **Dr Michael Ray**, two senior managing directors within the Tarmac Building Products Division, have been appointed to the divisional board.

Mr J. Hible has been appointed chief executive, commerce, for Michelin Tyre in Britain and Ireland.

Mr Ian Jones has become managing director of Faberge UK. He has been acting managing director of Faberge UK since June.

Mr Brian Hamblin has been appointed a partner in the Leicester office of the chartered accountants, Pannell Kerr Forster.

Mr Bernard Rozier has become general manager (housing) of the Nationwide Building Society in succession to Mr Tim Melville-Ross, who will become the society's chief general manager from February 18.

Mr Michael Harris and **Mr Sidney Hopkins** are now general managers of Guardian Royal Exchange Assurance. Mr Harris is general manager (operations control) and Mr Hopkins general manager (UK).

RECENT ISSUES

	Closing Price
Access Satellite Int 5p Ord (150s)	194+2
Alida Holdings 25p Ord (140s)	166–1
Appledore A & P 10p Ord (87)	88
Breakmate 10p Ord (100s)	118
CVD Inc Com Stock $0.01 (105s)	150
Candover Inv 25p Ord (180)	219+13
Craton Lodge & Knight 1p Ord (115s)	195
GBC Capital Com Shares NPV	92
Gabicci 5p Ord (78s)	86
Hewtel Whiting 5p Ord (197s)	293
Instem 10p Ord (148s)	238+3
Kingsley & Forester 20p Ord (82)	84+3
Klark-Teknik 5p Ord (85s)	118+3
Media Technology 20p Ord (117s)	174–2
PSM Int 25p (140)	168+1
Penny & Giles 25p Ord (136s)	151
Plasmec 10p Ord (70s)	74
Process Systems Com Stk ($0.025)	98+2
Shares Drug Stores 10p Ord (140s)	207+3
Stone International 20p Ord (125)	143
T & S Stores 5p Ord (s)	118
U D O Holdings 10p Ord (110s)	124
Wardle Storeys 10p (132)	174+8
Williams (R) Leisure 5p Ord (20s)	22

Issue price in parentheses. * Unlisted Securities. * by tender.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Adam & Company	9½%
Barclays	9½%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings †	10¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¾%
Continental Trust	9½%
C. Hoare & Co *	9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%
Citibank NA	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6½%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 7½%, £50,000 and over, 8%.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hanson Trust helps share indexes see in new year with a record

By Pam Spooner

Stock markets prepared for 1985 with yet another peak on New Year's Eve. The FT 30 share index rose steadily to 952.3, up 7.1 points, and the FT-SE 100 share marker was 6.6 points better at 1232.2.

Hanson Trust did much to lead the indexes into new ground, rising 15p to 343p as a wide range of investors decided to have the stock in their New Year portfolios.

There is considerable optimism about Hanson's purchase of London Brick early last year, and about the group's dollar earnings. City analysts are also watching acquisition plans keenly, seeing such growth as key to the long-term performance of Hanson Trust. Hanson is presently offering £151 million for Powell Duffryn and more bids are expected from Lord Hanson and his team.

At Quilter Goodison, the stockbroker, analyst Mr Mike Murphy reckons Hanson will make £225 million in the current year, against £169 million in the year to September 1884, and he believes a price-earnings ratio of 15 would not be over-generous. That compares with a present rating of less than 14, and would take the share price much closer to the 400p level.

Ranks Hovis McDougall rose 10p to another new high of 138p on Monday, lifted by bid hopes and tips from City observers that the shares have a bright year ahead. Thoughts of a takeover for the food group are strong, with Allied-Lyons now whispered to be a possible bidder. In recent days, jobbers in RHM shares were reckoned to have been caught short by a large buyer.

Thorn EMI also helped the indexes along, rising 17p to 484p. The shares remain volatile, and were influenced on Monday largely by new year share tips. James Capel, the stockbroker, has put Thorn on its 1985 shopping list.

Blue Circle, Cadbury-Schweppes, Lucas and **Trusthouse Forte** all joined in the pre-holiday mark-up, helped by mentions in a variety of analysts's commentaries.

Food shares were generally brighter on belief that the Christmas period had brought bumper sales, and there were rises of a few pence for **Northern Foods, Tate & Lyle, Dalgety,** and **Unilever.** But **S & W Berisford** slipped 1p to 186p as market men began worrying about prospects at the group's property division.

Berisford, and its partner, the London and Edinburgh Trust, had hoped to sell the head lease of the Billingsgate development in the spring, but problems for its tenant, Samuel Montagu, do not augur well for those plans. Montagu has found it does not want the 25-year lease which it took on offices at Billingsgate at a cost of more than £6 million a year.

Berisford has also had to carry out remedial work at Princess House, in Bush Street, before Coutts & Co., the high-class banking arm of National Westminster, would move in. Analysts are worried about the cost of such work, but at least Coutts begins its move this month.

Oil shares were again losing ground, unsettled by talk of a price war between Opec and the North Sea producers, and by the sickly-looking agreement reached by Opec members recently.

There were losses of a few pence across the share price lists, although **British Petroleum** resisted the decline as best it could, falling just 2p to 486p. BP announced a 9.9 per cent holding in Voyager Petroleum, bought for 54p a share. The company last month revealed an agreed 55p a share offer for Voyager, which has exploration assets onshore in the south of England.

Jackson Exploration went against the sector trend, rising 8p to 103p as stock market tipsters put a 'buy for 1985' tag on the shares.

Vosper picked up 5p to 165p on Monday as the National Research Development Corporation accepted shares in the group in place of nearly £1.5 million worth of loans to Vosper Hovermarine. The NRDC notionally paid a price of 183.3p a share for the 816,132 new ordinary shares it now holds.

Norton Opax showed the effects of its one-for-five scrip issue, falling 28p to 125p. That puts it just below the 127.5p scrip price.

The market appeared to ignore the reiteration of a profit forecast from Norton suggesting another record for the year to end March. The board of the printing group also repeated its promise of a 38 per cent increase in the 1985 dividend, barring unforeseen circumstances. Both these predictions were first made alongside last month's £21 million offer for Sir Joseph Causton & Sons.

Elsewhere in the printing and publishing business, **McCorquodale** advanced 7p to 190p, still on hopes that bid action will extend its way. The company has long been fancied as a target for Mr Robert Maxwell, especially since he failed in his takeover attempt on John Waddington.

Half-year figures are due from British Telecom next week, and James Capel, the stockbroker, expects profits of £690 million, against £462 million in the comparable part of 1983. Capel goes for £1,400 million for the full year – a touch conservative, the broker suggests, but adds it would not rule out the possibility of revising its forecasts upwards. BT shares edged another 2p higher to 105½p on Monday.

The British Printing & Communication Corporation, where Mr Maxwell is chairman, gained 1p to 172p.

Booker McConnell, which is waiting for a decision from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission on the £240 million bid made last year by Dee Corporation, formally denied suggestions that it is planning a major restructuring of the group. The suggestions included a possible sell-off of the food distribution businness, one of the main targets of the Dee bid. Booker shares rose 7p to 234p after the denial.

Bargett, the furniture company, requested suspension of dealings in its shares on Monday, "pending clarification of the financial position of the company". The shares were trading at 10p, their lowest-ever level, reflecting concern for the future of the loss-making group. The shares traded around 180p in 1983.

Bodycote International, the industrial clothing and safety products group, held steady at 84p as the **Prolific High Income Unit Trust,** which is run by Provincial Insurance, announced a 6.944 per cent stake.

Espley Trust stood out on the property lists with a 7p rise to 23p. Market men were looking forward to confirmation that Mr Ronnie Aitken, who was brought in to rescue the company last autumn, has made certrain essential sell-offs.

British Land benefited from weekend share tipping, rising 5½p to 149p as the forecasters put the shares on their shopping lists. But City analysts are still keeping a close eye on the property group, waiting for developments in its relationship with Stylo, the shoe retailing company which has portfolio of plum freehold sites.

British Land bought a 5.3 per cent stake in Stylo just a few months ago. Stylo shares were unchanged at 148p.

Ward White, which has been growing in recent years in the shoe-selling business, gained another 5p to 205p as the market uprating continues.

Having long been regarded as a dour Midlands shoemaker, Ward White is now being recognized as a dynamic and primarily retailing group. Its expansion in the US has been rapid since the early 1980s, and its timing there just about perfect, given the 20 per cent appreciation of the American dollar against the pound in 1984.

J Hepworth saw plenty of action on Monday, the share price zipping along from 174p to 191p at one stage, before settling back at 183p, up 9p on the day. The clothing group stays high on the list of shares some investors want, to buy for the new year.

Other stores shares were also pennies brighter as City men sounded cheerful about the Christmas selling period, and anticipated record turnover in the present 'sales' season.

Macdonald Martin Distilleries was unchanged at 720p after the **Securities Trust of Scotland** revealed that it had lifted its stake slightly, from 18.4 to 18.5 per cent.

"Guinness is good for you" was the message for investors, and the share price of Arthur Guinness reflected its suggested 1985 prospects with a 12p jump to 244p.

Others brewers also showed new year liveliness. There were gains of between 2p and 4p for stocks such as **Belhaven Brewery Group, H P Butler, Greenall Whitley, Greene King, Whitbread** and **Wolverhampton & Dudley Breweries.**

But **Matthew Brown,** the north country beermaker which has risen strongly in recent weeks on hopes of a bid, looked flat by the time profit-makers had finished with the shares. The price stumped 30p to 280p as the expected offer from **Scottish & Newcastle Breweries** failed to materialise. S & N shares stayed steady at 132p.

Among the discount houses and money brokers, **Mercantile House** continued to make headway. The shares rose a further 10p to 354p on hopes of a bid from **Merrill Lynch.**

The Irish leasing company, Woodchester Investments, moved quietly across from USM lists to a full London quote on Monday, with the shares trading around 145p, a penny or two up on the previous week. Wood, Mackenzie, which is broker to Woodchester, reckons profit growth is still strong, and should reach 40 per cent in 1985, taking profits to £700,000 fro £500,000 last time. That puts the leasing and rentals group on a prospective price-earnings ratio of 7.3, a long way below sector and market averages.

Banks generally were a few pence brighter after the agreement between Argentina and the International Monetary Fund on credit for the debt-laden South American nation. But **Charterhouse J Rothschild** slipped back 3p to 105p, losing some of the glitter which spread to the shares after the recent bid for **Hambro Life** by **BAT Industries.** CJR has 24.9 per cent of Hambro Life.

ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

Promise of steady growth and stability

By Tim Congdon

The Government's strategic fiscal framework is its most valuable achievement

Is the economy getting better or worse? It is a simple question and it should have a simple answer. But, to judge from the babble of opinion and surmise as we enter 1985, the answer is rather complicated.

Of course, the disagreement may be rather contrived. Expert macroeconomists, dissident backbenchers, newspaper columnists and the like are the main prognosticators, and they increase the demand for their services by the deliberate perpetuation of confusion.

Nevertheless, what is surprising is that so little consensus seems to have been reached about whether the economy improved in 1984 or, indeed, in preceding years. A comparison of the main variables over a series of years is easy to prepare. It is also timely as a progress report on the Thatcher Governemint's policies.

Four variables – output, inflation, the balance of payments and employment – are conventionally regarded as the main measures of economic health.

On output there is still some uncertainty about 1984, because figures on gross domestic product have not yet been finalized. But enough evidence is available to suggest that growth was about 2½ per cent.

In the table another 1 per cent has been added to indicate the underlying trend. The justification is that the miners' strike, which reduced GDP by 1 per cent in 1984, should be considered, from the statistcal point of view, as a distortion.

The pattern is of steady recovery. After two appalling years in 1980 and 1981, growth resumed in 1982 and strengthened in 1983 and 1984. In fact, every year from 1980 was better than the one before.

On inflation also there has been gradual improvement. In 1980 the retail price index was on average 18.0 per cent higher than in 1979. The figure then declined for three years running. Last year was slightly worse than in 1983, but the deterioration can be explained by the timing of mortgage rate changes.

Britain's external payments position can be measured in several ways. The current account on the balance of payments, which is the most familiar, has not recorded continuous progress. It shifted from marginal deficit of £500 million in 1979 to abundant surplus of £7.2 billion in 1981, but slipped to approximate balance in 1984. (A surplus would still have been registered last year without the miners' strike.)

Finally, what about jobs? Unemployment rose every year from 1979 to 1983 and is still rising. On this front there seem to be no encouraging signs. The situation appears to be worsening even now.

Although this is true, the rate of deterioration has moderated. From the middle of 1980 to the middle of 1981 unemployment increased by almost a million; in the year to November 1984 it increased by only 160,000.

Perhaps more fundamentally, recent demographic trends have been unhelpful as they have enlarged the population of working age. A less pessimistic interpretation emrges if attention is switched from unemployment to employment.

The employed labour force fell in every year from 1980 to 1983, but the fall was less in 1982 than in 1981 and less in 1983 than in 1982. In 1984 there was actually an increase. Again, every recent year was better than the one before.

The conclusion is inescapable. In 1984, after three years in which the numbers became steadily more satisfactory, the economy improved again. The answer to our opening question is simple, and no amount of cleverness and nit-picking can disguise it.

There is, however, an objection to our execise. The impression of gradual advance is valid because the base for comparison is 1980. But was not the position in 1980 so awful that it could only have got better afterwards? In this respect the exercise lacks persuasiveness.

The objection is fair enough and the Government's critics would be right to emphasize it. But they made the mistake of everplaying their hand in the bad days of 1980 and 1981. Many of them, notably ex-Cabinet wets like Sir Ian Gilmour, claimed that the economy would never break out of recession unless policies were changed.

This claim has been shown to be wrong. The Government's view – that the economy had inbuilt forces capable of generating recovery without special reflationary measures – has been vidicated.

Admittely, progress since 1980 has not been in a straight line and some of the wobbles, like the 3 per cent jump in base rates last July which marred 1984's economic performance, have been embarrassing. There will inevitably be more wobbles and more embarrassments.

But the Government does have a clearly-formulated strategic framework of monetary and fiscal policy to respond to occasional upsets. People know that decisions will be taken in accordance with that framework; they have a sense that the country is being governed from year to year rather than week to week.

Here, in the contrast with the twists, turns and somersaults of the "era of the two Harolds" and Mr Heath, is the Government's most valuable achievement. In economic policy there is now a stability of expectations about the Government's behaviour that would have been unimaginable a decade ago. Sir Harold Wilson could not, with a straight face, have said "a year is a short time in economics"; Mrs Thatcher can.

But the wider debate is not settled yet. Implicit in the Government's rejection of fiscal reflation is not just a belief that output and employment will return to acceptable levels without special stimulatory measures, but that they will do so while inflation is still falling.

Monetarism, or whatever other label the Government wants to attach to its policies remains very much on trial. The vital issue is whether low and declining inflation can be reconciled with above-trend output growth and falling unemployment. The verdict is still out.

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THE ECONOMIC RECORD SINCE 1980

	% increase in gross domestic product	% increase in retail price index	Net UK external assets £bn	Employed labour force '000s
1980	-2.4	18.0	10	-72
1981	-1.3	11.9	30	-867
1982	2.1	8.6	43	-338
1983	3.2	4.6	56	-194
1984	3.5	5.0	70	+243

Sources: Economic Trends and Autumn Statement.
Note: 1984 figures for GDP, retail price and net UK external assets are estimates. GDP figure is average estimate; retail price index is annual average; net UK external assets is end-year figure; and employed labour force is mid-year estimate.

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England's new year overhung with pall

From John Woodcock
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After a slow, though interesting, opening day, the third Test match was brought to a frustrating halt here yesterday by rain and poor light. A pall hung over the sprawling city, allowing but 20 minutes play. With India still only 176 for four in their first innings, something remarkable will need to happen for a draw to be avoided. Today is the rest day.

Such weather at this time of year is unseasonal without being especially rare. Play was held up for Fletcher's side in the Calcutta Test of 1981-82, when they could ill afford it, and I remember spending an afternoon at the races in 1963-64, Eden Gardens being considered unfit for cricket. That the umpires decided against a prompt start at 9.45 yesterday morning in fact seemed ludicrous. Although the sun had not broken through – it never did – the light looked perfectly good enough and noticeably better than when, at 10.30, there began the few overs there were. Meters are not used in India.

Having taken a new ball last thing on Monday, Gower felt obliged to use his faster bowlers, and after two or three ominous consultations the umpires soon decided that it was too dark to be trying to play Cowans. We would not have thought so in England, but very soon it certainly was. By mid-morning a huge crocodile of a cover had been rolled slowly into place, and that was it for the day. The rain, though always gentle, never let up for long.

On Monday England had ended the old year, not a good one for them by any reckoning, with three well drilled but rather unlucky sessions in the field. Had the breaks gone their way, they might just about have bowled India out. The conditions would have been ideal for a pair of old-time county seamers, the pitch being still damp from its preparation and the ball swinging appreciably. In the circumstances, England must have been disappointed to finish the day with only four wickets.

Except when Amarnath hit him for three fours in an over, a cover drive and two short-arm hooks, Cowans bowled accurately and fast enough to fracture one of Gaekwad's fingers. Ellison was longer getting his line right, mainly because the ball swung so much, exclusively away from the right-handers. At Bombay, apparently, he bowled mainly inswingers; now they all went the other way. He seems to have difficulty mixing them up, and for the most part he swung the ball from the moment it left his hand. When, occasionally, he moved it late, the batsmen were nonplussed. One way and another, Ellison had a long, hard, worthy first day.

Despite getting the stammer back in his run-up, though nothing like at its worst, Edmonds took the wickets of Gavaskar, Amarnath and Vengsarkar for 24 runs in his first 20 overs. With only his third ball he had Gavaskar caught low down at slip. This was the classical left-armer's success, the ball turning just enough to find the edge of Gavaskar's forward stroke. Vengsarkar was bowled behind his legs, sweeping, and Amarnath caught at forward short leg, pushing inoffensively forward.

Edmonds always had two men no more than three yards from the bat, sometimes three, two on the offside and one on the leg. It is not an attractive way of bowling and it seems to me to limit Edmonds's options by discouraging him from throwing the ball up for fear of imperilling his close fielders. But it would be churlish to make the point other than academically. His figures, for the moment, are his sure defence. In India's second innings at Delhi and here on Monday they added up to 67 – 36 – 100 – 7.

To everyone's relief, I am sure, the ground was more or less full on Monday, and it was filling up again yesterday when the sun lost its way. There have already been the usual chunterings about the umpiring. Gavaskar was once "plumb leg-before" when playing back to Cowans; so, some said, were Vengsarkar when sweeping at Pocock and Azharudding when beaten yesterday morning by Ellison. From high behind the line, Gavaskar looked decidedly lucky.

England have fielded enthusiastically. Edmonds and Ellison being among those to have shaken the earth with full-length saves. I thought Gatting might have been given two or three of the overs Ellison had on Monday. He can swing the ball quite surprisingly at times. But Gower is playing it tight, which is the proven way in India.

Azharuddin, who is 21 not out, has won high marks in his first Test match, as much as anything for the way he settled in on Monday afternoon, just before tea, when India were in some trouble at 127 for four.

INDIA: First Innings

*S M Gavaskar c Gatting b Edmonds	13
A D Gaekwad c Cowans b Cowans	15
D B Vengsarkar b Edmonds	46
M Amarnath c Cowdrey b Edmonds	42
M Azharuddin not out	21
R J Shastri not out	26
Extras (lb-6 nb-2)	8
Total (4 wkts)	176

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–28, 2–35, 3–126, 4–127.

To bat: †S M H Kirmani, M Prabhakar, S M Yadav, L Sivaramakrishnan, Chetan Sharma.

BOWLING: (to date): Ellison, 20–12–49–0; Cowans, 17–3–45–1; Edmonds, 23–12–49–3; Pocock, 20–7–38–0.

ENGLAND: G Fowler, R T Robinson, M W Gatting, A J Lamb, *D I Gower, C S Cowdrey, †P R Downton, P H Edmonds, R M Ellison, P I Pocock, N G Cowans.

Ill feeling shown as W Indies tumble to leg spin

Sydney (Agencies) – The umpires in the fifth and final Test match, Mel Johnson and Ray Isherwood, issued charges yesterday under the players' code of behaviour against Allan Border, the Australian captain, Steve Rixon, the wicketkeeper, and Viv Richards.

The charges arise out of incidents while Richards was batting during the third day of the Test. West Indies were dismissed for 163, six wickets falling to Bob Holland the 38-year-old leg-spin bowler. Following on 308 behind, they were 31 for one at the close.

The umpires alleged Border and Rixon indulged in abuse and did not heed requests to discontinue. The complaints lodged about Richards have been handed to the West Indian management. Richards is not subject to conditions laid down in the code of behaviour, which applies to Australian contract players.

Under conditions governing the code, Australia's team have appointed a committee of Graeme Wood, Kelper Wessels and Andrew Hilditch to investigate the charges.

West Indies manager, Wes Hall and his assistant, Cammie Smith, both denied last night that they had received notification of the unpires' action.

During his innings, Richards became engaged in animated conversation with Rixon and Border about a chance which Australia felt Wood had taken. The incident happened in the sixteenth over by Murray Bennett, the left-arm spin bowler, ond observers believe the ball could have come off the pad on to Richards' glove before being taken by Wood. Richards had an earlier "life" at six which could have been a costly let-off. He was dropped by Ritchie off Holland at mid-off.

Australian spirits were high as the West Indian wickets tumbled and the competitive keenness was evident in the fielding and the disappointment at near misses.

Holland captured six for 54 as Australia skittled the West Indies and forced them to follow on. West Indies face an immense task on the last two days to try and avoid their first defeat in 28 Tests.

Holland, playing in his third Test, exploited a wearing pitch to rout the touring team after Australia scored a further 57 for the loss of three wickets in the first session and declared at 471 for nine.

McDermott, the 18-year-old fast bowler, in his second Test appearance, made the early inroads.

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

A M J Hilditch c Dujon b Holding	2
G M Wood c Haynes b Gomes	45
K C Wessels b Holding	173
G M Ritchie run out	37
*A R Border c Greenidge b Walsh	89
D C Boon b Garner	49
†S J Rixon c Garner b Holding	20
M J Bennett c Greenidge b Garner	23
G F Lawson not out	5
C J McDermott c Greenidge b Walsh	4
Extras (b 7, l-b 20, n-b 17)	44
Total (9 wkts dec)	471

Did not bat: R G Holland.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–12, 2–126, 3–338, 4–342, 5–350, 6–392, 7–450, 8–463, 9–471.

BOWLING: Marshall 37–2–111–0; Garner 31–6–101–2; Holding, 31–7–74–3; Walsh 38.2–1–118–2; Gomes 12–2–29–1; Richards, 7–2–11–0.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

C G Greenidge c Rixon b McDermott	18
D L Haynes C Wessels b Holland	34
R B Richardson b McDermott	2
H A Gomes c Bennett b Holland	28
I V A Richards c Wessels b Holland	15
*C H Lloyd c Wood b Holland	33
†P J Dujon c Hilditch b Bennett	22
M D Marshall st Rixon b Holland	0
M A Holding c McDermott b Bennett	0
J Garner c Rixon b Holland	0
C A Walsh not out	1
Extras (l-b 3, n-b 7)	10
Total	163

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–26, 2–34, 3–72, 4–103, 5–106, 6–160, 7–160, 8–160, 9–160.

BOWLING: Lawson 9–1–27–0; McDermott 9–0–34–2; Bennett, 22.4–7–45–3; Holland 22–7–54–5.

Second Innings

C G Greenidge not out	12
D L Haynes lbw b McDermott	3
R B Richardson not out	11
Extras (l-b 1, n-b 4)	5
Total (1 wkt)	31

FALL OF WICKET: 1–7.

BOWLING (to date): Lawson 3–1–5–0; McDermott 3–0–15–1; Bennett 3–1–6–0; Holland 2–0–4–0.

Richards (left), not bound by code, and Rixon who is

Mendis joins de Silva in victory chase

Perth (Reuter) – Adventurous batting by the captain, Duleep Mendis, and the teenager Aravinda de Silva, followed by a five-wicket spell from Vinodhan John, left the Sri Lankans in sight of victory over Western Australia here yesterday.

At the close of the second day in the three-day match the touring side were 67 for two in their second innings, needing 41 to win.

Mendis, with a dazzling 67 in even time, and de Silva, who hit 40, rescued the Sri Lankans from 87 for four with a spectacular partnership of 98 in 50 minutes. Mendis then declared at 217 for eight, 28 behind the home side's first innings total. Western Australia were dismissed for 79 in their second innings.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA: First Innings

G R Marsh c Silva b de Mel	8
S C Clements c Dias b J R Ratnayake	60
M McPhee c de Mel b Ranatunga	19
R Gamrell c Wettimuny b de Mel	21
P Gonella c Dias b de Mel	22
D Smith c Kuruppu b J R Ratnayake	0
†T J Zoehrer not out	69
*W M Clark run out	25
G Bush not out	1
Extras (b 4, l-b 7, n-b 9)	20
Total (7 wkts dec)	245

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–17, 2–80, 3–109, 4–135, 5–141, 6–143, 7–205.

BOWLING: de Mel, 19-3-66-3; John, 19-2-60-0; J R Ratnayake, 15-1-68-2; R J Ratnayake 1-0-9-0; Ranatunga, 8.3-2-20-1; Wettimuny, 3.3-0-13-0.

Second Innings

G R Marsh b John	13
S C Clements c John b J R Ratnayake	19
M McPhee b John	6
R Gamrell c Kuruppu b John	3
P Gonella c sub b John	10
D Smith c Kuruppu b John	2
T J Zoehrer l-b-w b J R Ratnayake	0
W Clark b J R Ratnayake	10
G Bush c sub b de Mel	21
B Reid not out	0
E Spalding l-b-w b de Mel	0
Extras (b 2, n-b 2)	4
Total	79

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–15, 2–25, 3–41, 4–42, 5–53, 6–54, 7–54, 8–59, 9–79, 10–79.

BOWLING: de Mel, 8.3-0-24-2; John, 11-2-28-5; J R Ratnayake, 12-4-25-3.

SRI LANKANS: First Innings

S Wettimuny c Zoehrer b Spalding	8
A Silva c Zoehrer b Clark	41
†B Kuruppu c Zoehrer b Smith	21
R L Dias b Smith	3
*L R D Mendis run out	67
A de Silva c Smith b Spalding	40
J R Ratnayake run out	4
A L F de Mel c Gonella b Bush	0
R J Ratnayake not out	18
V B John not out	10
Extras (l-b 4, n-b 3)	7
Total (8 wkts dec)	217

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–22, 2–71, 3–77, 4–87, 5–185, 6–185, 7–189, 8–191.

BOWLING: Spalding, 18–3–59–2; Clark, 11–5–34–1, Reid, 10–1–40–0; Smith, 8–1–28–2; Bush, 11–1–43–1; Gonella, 1–0–8–0.

Second Innings

S Wettimuny c Zoehrer b Spalding	13
A Silva c Zoehrer b Spalding	11
R L Dias not out	27
J R Ratnayake not out	8
Extras (b 4, l-b 2, n-b 2)	8
Total (2 wkts)	67

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–17, 2–35.

BOWLING (to date): Spalding, 5–0–42–1; Reid, 5–1–19–0; Bush, 2–2–0–0.

Pakistan tour

Karachi (Reuter) – The Pakistan team leave for Auckland tomorrow to play three Tests, four one-day internationals and two three-day matches. The New Zealand tour starts with a three-day game against Canterbury in Christchurch beginning on January 8.

The team will later travel to Australia to play in the one-day series to mark the 150th anniversary of the State of Victoria.

England steady

Brisbane (Reuter) – England's women cricketers moved into a healthy position on the first day of the third Test against Australia here yesterday. After winning the toss for the third time in the series, England built their position on steady, although occasionally slow, batting to be 330 for six at the close.

Score England 230 for 6 (J Britin 36, J Southgate 74, L Reeler 2-23) v Australia.

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd may reveal plans today

Zola Budd's South African connections are still causing concern and expected to meet British Amateur Athletic Board officials in London today. Her adviser is a prominent South African athletics official, Jannie Momberg, which may pose problems.

Nigel Cooper, secretary of the British board, said: "We hope to meet Momberg and possibly Zola to find out her plans. We are aware of Momberg's position and it means it's like walking a tightrope. It is an area we'll treat with the utmost diplomacy."

● SÃO PALO: Carlos Lopes (Portugal), the Olympic marathon champion, won the New Year's Eve round-the-houses race through the streets of São Paulo. He covered the 12.6 kilometre course in 36 min 43.79 sec.

MEN: 1, C Lopes (Por) 36min 43.79sec; 2, J J da Silva (Br) 37:20.56; 3, M B Hernandez (Mex) 37:37.31; 4, D Tibadutra (Col) 37:52.38; 5, S Salazar (Col) 37:57.21; 6, V Mora (Col) 38:00.02; 7, B Porto (Br) 38:20.45; 8, A Dominguez (Br) 38:26.33; 9, R Vera (Ec) 38:32.43; 10, V Maldonado (Ven) 38:33.48.

WOMEN: 1, R Mota (Por) 43min 35.57sec; 2, J Sabino (Br) 43:35.80; 3, C Boscovska (US) 44:08.52; 4, M Fuentes (Mex) 44:08.83; 5, C S de Oliveira (Br) 44:54.79.

● James Hill (Newport Harriers) outsprinted his nearest rivals to win the Nos Galan New Year's Eve race. It was the first time since 1973 that the event had been held but only one race, an invitation mile, took place. Hill's time for the two-lap course through the streets of Mountain Ash, mid-Glamorgan, was 4min 10sec.

RESULT: 1, J Hill (Newport Harriers), 4min 10sec; 2, P Wheeler (Les Croupiers), 4min 11sec; 3, M Razin (Aldershot, Farnham and District), 4min 13sec; 4, G Hill (Swansea Harriers), 4min 15sec; 5, P Llewellyn (Shaftesbury), 4min 15sec.

● MADRID: David Lewis (England) won the annual St Silvestre Vallecana international race over 7.8 miles of an urban circuit

RESULT: 1, D Lewis (GB), 35min 50sec; 2, E Canario (Por), 35min 58sec; 3, P Daonens (Bel), 36min 15sec; 4, J L Gonzales (Sp), 36min 35sec; 5, M Rousseau (Fr), 37min 05sec; 6, J Ortmann (WG), 37min 10sec; 7, J Pinairo (Por), 37min 13sec; 8, K Harrison (GB), 37min 20sec; 9, R Garcia (Sp), 37min 54sec; 10, J da Silva (Por), 38min 05sec.

Football: Tottenham and Everton sprint out for the second half of an unpredictable season

Sports Commentary

David Miller

Holiday among voices of reason

During our purportedly religious holiday I found myself thinking about Charlie Cooke, which apart from anything else was preferable to watching most of what was available on the life support machine, or television as many people call it. When Charlie sold you a dummy, Jim Baxter has recalled, you had to pay to get back in the ground.

What reminded me of Cooke was not so much Peter Ball's admirable anthology of football quotations but standing, for the first time in many years, in the Shed at Stamford Bridge when Manchester United emphatically put it across Chelsea's suspect defence. Whatever the contemporary reputation of the Shed, it seemed to me better than accepting Ken Bates's inhospitable arrangements for the press, whom the Chelsea chairman regards with as much enthusiasm as the British force awaiting the Zulus at Rorke's Drift. The experience reconfirmed several things.

The first is that the majority of people who enjoy standing on the terraces, with its element of freedom in paying at the gate and selecting a vantage point, are vociferous but predominantly reasonable, friendly and not unsporting folk. It is a loss to society, not merely to football, that many such people have been driven away by the failure to deal properly with the mindless, violent and comparatively small minority.

I was surrounded by women and young boys and law-abiding men, as well as by the young roughnecks who have been around far longer than football itself, and who may tend to chance their arm with dodging the bus fare but certainly not snatching the shillings in an old lady's handbag. No doubt there was a sprinkling of histrionic National Front activists in search of a personality, and of course there were plenty of oaths. Yet what are we to expect, when you can today hear oaths not just on the factory floor but in many a boardroom, in voguish contemporary television plays and from 12-year-old schoolgirls at the bus stop?

No sight of Robson's skill from the Shed

These were not peculiarly football people at Stamford Bridge but a cross section of contemporary society. I would not want to give a defunct ha'p'orth of credit to most sociologists, but it is time Members of Parliament and other complainers recognize that the problems at football grounds are a mirror not of football but of the materialist areana in which we now live.

The second observation was that the kind of tactical game now fashioned by managers and coaches is almost impossible to appreciate from 40 yards behind one of the goals. You simply shout when the ball lands in the net. In the days, 20 year ago, of Cooke and Baxter and Best – whose latest humiliation reflects not merely on his sadly long-running lack of self-discipline but on many around him in more famous times – you only had to have one eye half-open anywhere in the ground to know when you were watching a genius.

After last Saturday's match I was reliably informed by my colleagues, from the crow's perch which Mr Bates provides, that Bryan Robson had been the star. Knowing the player, I believe their reports: yet it was *impossible* to recognize the fact from the back of the Shed, such is now the helter-skelter of physical harassment and the lack of time to dwell on the ball.

The same was true yesterday at Highbury. Nicholas was eventually taken off to make way for the more pernicious Williams, while Hoddle and Chiedozie spent half the time high jumping to avoid scything tackles. Tottenham clearly had more skill, but most of those players of either team with ability to entertain a 48,000 crowd were smothered. What we got was the aggressive Roberts.

Nobody can seriously deny the connection between commercially greedy football and similar behaviour among spectators. In football as in other walks of life we tend to get what we deserve. Which is why I look back on 1984 with gratitude for the performances of France and look forward to 1985 with some optimism that Bobby Robson may be able to correct the balance with his improving England team.

Leaders give challengers something to chew over

By Clive White

Tottenham Hotspur and Everton sustained their late sprint through the holiday period to leap into 1985 wth a joint five-point lead over the rest. And though such a margin may not be as telling as it once was in the days of the two-point win bonus, its value will not be lost on the managers of challengers such as Manchester United, Arsenal and Nottingham Forest, who all lost yesterday.

Everton, needing to win by five clear goals to overtake the morning leaders, Tottenham, had to be satisfied with the two-goal contribution of Steven, following on from the brace of goals by Mountfield and Sharp in the previous matches. Nevertheless it provided them with their third successive win over Christmas and the new year.

The 2-1 result may have said as much about **Luton Town's** valiant attempt to stay in the first division as about Everton's aspirations of winning it. Luton, who lost by a single goal to Liverpool on Saturday, finished their Merseyside visit with a defeat by the same margin after a late goal by Harford, the new signing.

Chelsea's victory over **Nottingham Forest** catapulted the Londoners back into contention after slipping to eleventh position on Saturday. Many more goals than the headed one by Thomas might have crushed Forest's hope of maximum enjoyment from the holidays. After the weekend Forest were the only first division side on full points but Brian Clough, the manager, had to pay for his generous decision to "rest" Bowyer, Swain and Hart.

Aston Villa took another step away from the clutches of relegation with their 3-1 derby victory against **West Bromwich Albion**, which blasted another hole in the Albion theory that they would lead the division into the new year. Villa had to come from behind to a Statham penalty. The now-settled Rideout scored his sixth goal in four games but Evans was carried off the field after an off-the-ball incident with Cross.

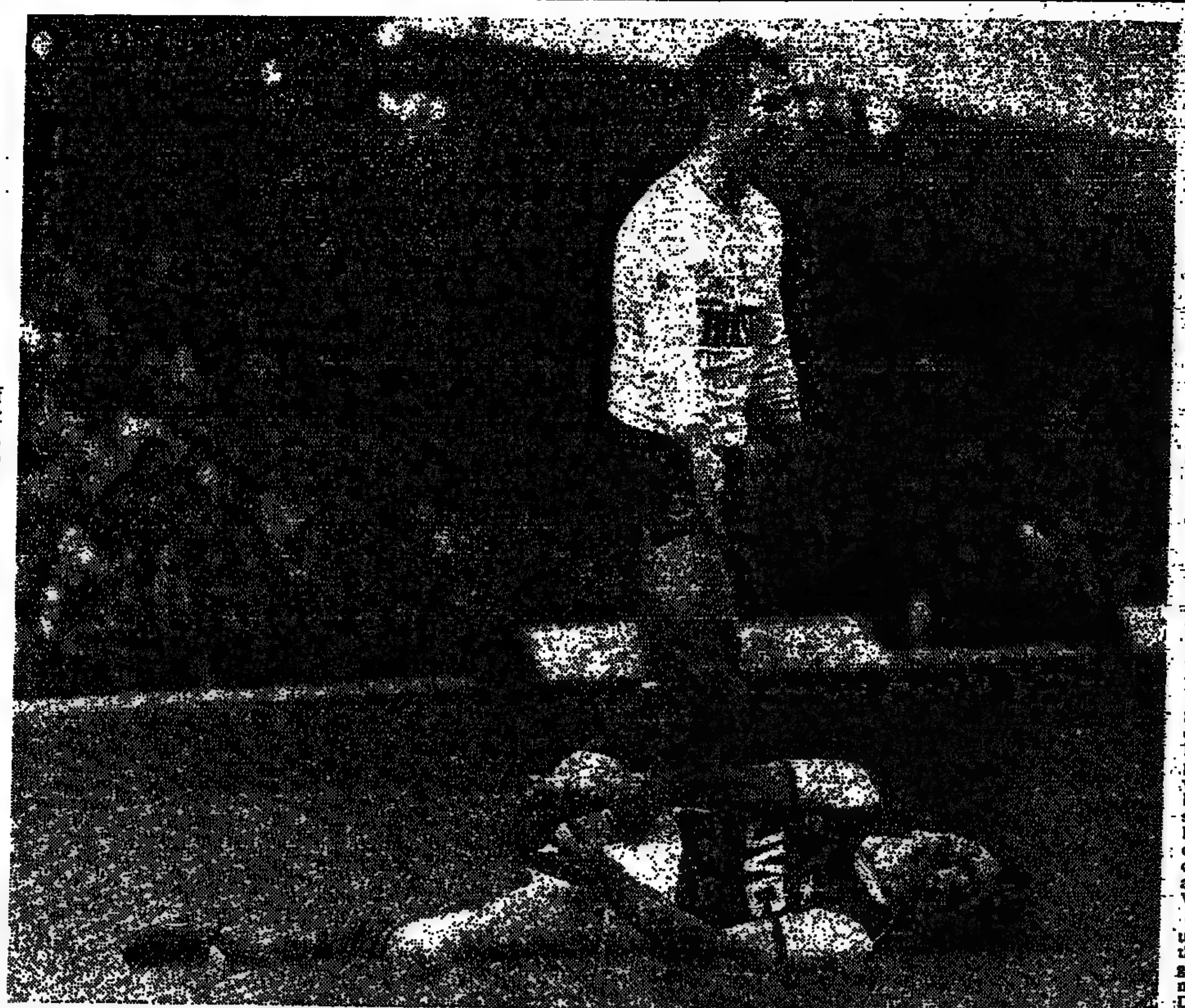
There were a few incidents of this kind, on and off the ball, at one of Cross's former clubs, **West Ham United**, losers by 2-3 in a bruising afternoon with their fellow Londoners **Queen's Park Rangers**. West Ham, however, were 2-1 ahead on stretcher cases. Hucker, the Rangers goalkeeper, was the first to leave the fray but returned to see West Ham's Gale and Rangers's James carried off to whence he had come. Brush's goal, his first in two seasons, was swept away by second half efforts from Byrne, Bannister and Waddock.

Ipswich Town and **Coventry City** both eased their relegation fears, but only slightly since too many teams in the lower regions won for their comfort. Coventry's emphatic 4 – 0 defeat of fellow strugglers **Stoke City** left the latter now 17 points adrift of survival. A treble by Beardsley against **Sunderland** went down well in a certain corner of the north-east. Unfortunately for him and **Newcastle United**, he also missed a penalty, but the points were already rubbed in, and more so when Sunderland had Gayle and Bennett sent off.

In the second division, **Oxford United** closed the gap at the top to one point with victory at **Middlesbrough** while **Blackburn Rovers** drew at **Barnsley**. But though **Birmingham City** pulled off another fine victory at **Sheffield United** by 4 – 3, all the goals coming in the second half, the performance of the day must belong to **Fulham**, who recovered from 4 – 0 down to finish all square with a last-minute penalty by Lock. The irony was that **Portsmouth** have made a reputation for themselves this season as a side with Houdini powers.

Cup upset

The London Spartan League has appealed to thieves to return two silver trophies stolen from the Malden Vale clubhouse at Raynes Park. The Senior Challenge Cup, which stands three feet high and has been won by such notable clubs as Tottenham, Arsenal and West Ham, and the Premier Division runners-up cup have a face value of around £1,000.



The cruelty of theatre in the theatre of cruelty: as Allinson's leg plays up, Roberts plays it down (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Spurs revel in new resolution

By Clive White

Arsenal **1**
Tottenham Hotspur **2**

It was a stiff, biting wind that blew both sides some good at Highbury yesterday, but it was Tottenham Hotspur who turned it significantly to their advantage to sail seven points clear of their great North London rivals. More importantly, though, it keeps them at the head of an unpredictable championship.

When played into the wind, the ball was conveniently held up for both sets of forwards, but it was the "battling" Hoddle, a delightful surprise not only to his manager, Peter Shreeves, who made devastating use of it on one particular occasion to turn the match Tottenham's way.

Whether this fixture, the 101st between the clubs, signalled a parting of the ways in the race for the League title this season, it is too early to say. But Tottenham again displayed a toughening in their character and camaraderie away from home while Arsenal again showed a disturbing lack of resolution, more so on this first day of the new year.

Tottenham have failed to win only once – and then, at Coventry, only through a late goal – in their last five away games. They had to come from behind on superiority and a goal yesterday. Arsenal, buoyed up by their handsome victory at Newcastle and the presence of another expensive stimulant on the substitutes' bench in the shape of Williams, played in the first half with an enthusiasm for the morning derby that would have left any new year reveller, as well as those from Tottenham, feeling sick.

Their pre-match training, in order to stir mind and muscle, looked beneficial as Anderson's lively late runs caught Tottenham still slepping at the back. Roberts was required to call upon his well-known heroic qualities (though some might describe them as villainous) to keep Tottenham in the game. Clemence, too, was drawing on familiar strengths, such as experience and athleticism. But Nicholas, whose performance withered along with that of his team, should have beaten Clemence before Woodcock did three minutes before half-time. Anderson sharply avoided Falco's lunge near the byline and crossed for Woodcock to turn it in with equal sharpness.

The transformation which overcame Tottenham after the interval was obvious from the initial determined attempt by Perryman, the captain, to finish off a one-two. Hoddle, who had been forced deeper and deeper by the excellent Robson, showed how difficult it is to nullify players who can strike a long ball with precision. In the 59th minute Hoddle, from left back, hit a deep one that cut into the wind just long enough to confuse Caton and Lukic, who left his line and then retreated. Crooks, singlemindedly, stole in to score his fifth goal in five matches from a fine angle.

The story-lie was now clearly defined and Tottenham, assuming the role of aggressor, kept faithful to it until they were rewarded in the 73rd minute when the supporters' displeasure at a short ball by Galvin to Falco quickly changed as they saw this sturdy, unfussy forward's shot humming home. Williams, who was at the time stretching his legs down the touchline, came on for Nicholas to take a closer look at his new club and vice versa. Certainly Arsenal liked what they saw.

ARSENAL: J Lukic; V Anderson, T Caton, B Talbot, D O'Leary, A Adams, B Robson, I Allinson, P Mariner, A Woodcock, C Nicholas (sub: S Williams).
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: R Clemence; G Stevens, G Mabbutt, G Roberts, P Miller, S Perryman, J Chiedozie, M Falco, A Galvin, G Hoddle (sub: C Allen).
Referee: T Spencer (Salisbury).

Revised dates

Because of FA Cup ties on January 5, there are new dates for the following third division matches: Bristol Rovers v Bolton, Jan 15 (7.45); Cambridge v Bradford, Jan 8 (7.30); Derby v Bournemouth, Jan 9 (7.30). The fourth division match, Hartlepool v Wrexham had been switched from from Feb 23 to Feb 22 (7.30).

Varadi upsets sterile United

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Manchester United **1**
Sheffield Wednesday **2**

Manchester United, utterly unconvincing yesterday afternoon, no longer deserve the title of champion favourites. They greeted the New Year by showing their old expensive habits, defensive blunders which were punished by Varadi after 15 and 85 minutes, and went down to their first League defeat at home this season.

Sheffield Wednesday, for whom Blair was particularly inventive, needed to be no more than efficient to achieve their victory. Although United are bulging with potential talent, their performance was devoid of purpose, aim and thought. For example, they never solved the problems posed by their opponents' well known offside tactic. If to err is human, what is it to commit the same offence 25 times? The first half, during which United were caught out on no fewer than 16 occasions, was as tedious a spectacle as can be imagined. For that, Wednesday can hardly be blamed.

They took the lead through their usual lofty method. Lyons launched the ball in the direction of United's goalmouth and, as it hung like the moon against the darkening sky, Duxbury, whose form continues to be embarrassingly poor, was struck by his own indecision. Varadi evaded his half-hearted challenge and scored with ease from close range.

The Old Trafford audience of 47,638, the second biggest of the day, grew vociferous only in frustration as a linesman's yellow flag was waved with astonishing regularity. The name of the official responsible for those decions was Hope, but United's followers were running out of that.

When it was eventually raised, Hodge dispelled it. If a couple of his saves from Strachan before the interval were exceptional, his feats after it were to be no less notable. Wednesday's goalkeeper was beaten by Hughes, released by a ricochet from Madden's clearance, soon after the hour.

He might also have been exposed by a remarkable Robson header from a corner and by an effort from the otherwise undistinguished Brazil, who was a replacement for the injured Stapleton. Hodge was to crate his most spectacular moment by bringing down Hughes inside the area after Muhren had caused alarm in Wednesday's defence with a lofted chip and Lyons had pushed his intended back pass wide of him.

Wednesday's goalkeeper picked himself up, parried the first attempt by Strachan, the scorer of nine penalties this season, and denied him again from the rebound. That proved to be the height of United's disappointing response. They were to fall back into their thoughtless ways long before they were beaten.

When Wednesday won a corner with five minutes left they ignored the threat of Varadi in the air and left him alone. The ensuing header from Blair's kick was clean and accurate. Both Varadi and Marwood could, before the end, have increased the margin of victory. Not undeservedly, either.

MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Moses, G McQueen, P McGrath, B Robson, G Strachan, M Hughes, A Brazil, A Muhren.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: M Hodge; M Sterland, P Shirtliff, L Madden, M Lyons, N Worthington, B Marwood, A Blair, I Varadi, L Chapman, G Shelton.
Referee: R Nixon (West Kirby).

Watford caught by new year Rush

By Gerald Sinstadt

Watford **1**
Liverpool **1**

Watford's rise to respectability and Liverpool's search for their old authority continued at Vicarage Road yesterday. Pressure was generated by Watford and it brought them a penalty, scored by Blissett, eight minutes before half-time. Chances were fashioned by Liverpool, but it was not until two minutes from the end that Rush forced in equalizer.

Watford's best crowd of the season, 27,073, were given ample excitement, even if, for much of the game, the trench warfare along the edges of the penalty areas was controlled by the defenders. Watford's mixture of massed advances and mortar attacks produced some hectic skirmishes but few measured shots.

Liverpool, seeking to launch swift, stealthy raids, did not easily infiltrate the Watford back four. The simple pasing game that has been the basis of their success is no longer as precise as it was and Watford's defence, reassembled around McClelland, is not as fragile as its was.

Nevertheless, Coton the Watford goalkeeper, needed to be alert and agile as Dalglish and Kennedy slipped Rush through twice in the opening exchanges. The goalkeeper also turned Whelan's shot over the angle while Watford were still seeking some return for their increased bombardment at the other.

The breakthrough came after an element of controversy. Neal's challenge coincided with Sterling's wriggle, both on the fringe of the law, but the referee, well placed to judge was as swift and positive in pointing to the spot as Blissett was with his conversion.

Soon after the interval, Watford sent on Jackett for Sterling, adopting a 4-3-3 formation which seemed likely to hold the advantage. But as the end approached, Whelan crossed, Rush and Coton battled at the far post and the Liverpool forward, as he has done so often, squeezed in a priceless goal.

WATFORD: T Coton; L Sinnott, W Rostron, L Taylor, S Terry, J McClelland, W Sterling (sub: K Jackett), L Blissett, G Reilly, J Gilligan, J Barnes.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, S Nicol, G Gillespie, K Dalglish, R Whelan, I Rush, K MacDonald, J Wark.
Referee: H Taylor (Leicestershire).

McClair settles Old Firm dispute

By Hugh Taylor

A goal from Brian McClair in the 55th minute gave Celtic a 2-1 win over Rangers which took them to within two points of Aberdeen, the premier division leaders. An improved display in the second half brought the points to the visitors, and what turned out to be a remarkable Old Firm derby, unusual in that the play lacked the passion and frantic endevour which has been the keynote of Rangers-Celtic encounters for more than a century.

In the first half, Celtic opened brightly, then fell out of the game after Johnston saw his penalty saved by McCloy. With Cooper and Prytz the architects of neatly designed moves, Rangers assumed command and were well worthy their 1-0 half-time lead. The goal was scored in the 33rd minute by Cooper, whose splendid shot gave Bonner no chance.

In the second half it was Rangers' turn to falter. Only seconds had elapsed before Johnston made up for his penalty miss by equalizing with a goal headed in at close range after clever dribbling by the persevering McGarvey out on the right wing.

The home defenders were foundering when McClair, whose strong thrusts from deep positions had looked more and more menacing, scored what proved to be the winning goal. Although the shot appeared to be diverted by a defender, it would probably have beaten McCloy anyway, as the Rangers' goalkeeper was stranded. Although Redford almost equalized with a fine header, Ranger's zest had vanished.

It was an unhappy afternoon for the clubs beset by relegation worries. **Hibernians** find themselves deeper in trouble after losing 2-1 to **Heart of Midlothian** at Easter Road in a tense Edinburgh derby. **Morton**, too, were well beaten by St Mirren at Greenock, though the score was only 2-0. McAvennie and Gallagher were the marksmen for a St Mirren side who have shown marked *improvement* recently. However, **Dumbarton** eased their anxiety by beating **Dundee** 1-0 at Boghead.

RANGERS: P McCloy; H Burns, S Munro, D McPherson, D McKinnon, I Redford, T McMinn, (sub: J MacDonald), D Ferguson, (sub: A Dawson), I Ferguson, R Prytz, D Cooper.
CELTIC: P Bonner, D McGrain, M Reid, B McClair, R Aitken, M MacLeod, J Colquhoun, P McStay, M Johnston, T Burns, F McGarvey.
Referee: H Alexander (Kilmarnock).

Ipswich gain much needed cheer

By Gerry Harrison

Ipswich Town **2**
Norwich City **0**

The New Year began well for Ipswich Town. No side needed a bit of cheer more urgently. A goal two minutes and 59 seconds after the start opened the way to their first win at home for two months, which was all the more enjoyable because it was at the expense of their closest rivals and neighbours. A second, after 56 minutes, a mature touch by Dozzell, aged 17, boosted their confidence further, although the difference was never as clear-cut as the score suggests.

Norwich City may currently be taking the lead role in East Anglia, but here they forgot their lines in the opening scene and never totally recovered their poise. Cranston's long throw looped over Butcher and Watson for Dozzell to knock it back to Gates, who scored gratefully. The celebrations were long and loud. After all, this was Ipswich's first goal at home since November, since when they have suffered eight defeats in nine League games.

Some pantomime misses and plenty of passionate tackles took us through the rest of the first half before Norwich territorially took control of the game. The absence of the injured Hartford, and the resilience of Butcher and Osman, meant they were never completely in control, although Cooper needed to make a handful of brave stops.

Ipswich, desperately short of forward strength, could have made the victory even more conclusive on the counter-attack, and it is understandable why the talk behind the scenes at Portman Road is of selling one of their internationals soon to create the cash to buy new blood up front.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop, T Butcher, R Zondervan, R Osman, I Cranston, T Putney, M Brennan, J Dozzell, S McCall, E Gates.
NORWICH CITY: C Woods; P Haylock, G Downs, S Bruce, P Mendham, D Watson, J Devine, M Channon, J Deehan, M Farrington, (sub: D Gordon), L Donowa.
Referee: T Bune (Yattenden).

Wanderer no more

Plymouth have completed the £32,500 signing of Gerry McElhinney from Bolton Wanderers, but the Northern Ireland centre-back will have to wait 11 days before making his debut. The deal came too late for the player to be eligible for yesterday's match against Brentford.

Blackburn light up the gloom

By Peter Ball

Barnsley **1**
Blackburn Rovers **1**

Blackburn Rovers began the new year hanging on grimly to the leadership of the second division which they earned with style in the closing weeks of the old. Not even a floodlight failure for 15 minutes early in the second half could deflect them from their purpose as they resisted a series of Barnsley attacks to claim the draw which retains their narrow lead.

There has been debate about the standard of this year's promotion race. There is no sign of any team of the quality of Sheffield Wednesday, Chelsea or even Newcastle of last year, but few spectators at Oakwell could have had any complaints about the entertainment in a raw-boned, hectic match.

Barnsley, whose large number of draws in their excellent run of only one defeat in their last 10 League games has prevented them being even more heavily involved than they are in the promotion trace, got off to a storming start, pinning Blackburn's backs to the wall.

The returning Gennoe, however, saved splendidly from May's header and to Barnsley's chagrin after 14 minutes of pressure they found themselves behind in the fifteenth. The goal revealed something of the quality which has taken Blackburn to the top.

It began with good work by Thompson, the less renowned of their central attackers, and was completed by Brotherston, who twisted past Joyce, cut in and shot past Baker into the corner.

The lead gave Blackburn more confidence, but before they could assert control it was lost. Plummer's cross hit Branagan's hand and Owen converted the resulting, rather harsh penalty.

Barnsley held sway once again after that, but not even the cover of darkness during the 10 minutes played in the deepening gloom when the floodlights went out offered them a way past Gennoe, who saved brilliantly from Owen, and his fellow defenders, and Blackburn held on.

BARNSLEY: C Baker; J Joyce, N Law, W Ronson; L May, P Futcher, G Owen, G Thomas, C Plummer, I Walsh, W Campbell.
BLACKBURN ROVERS: T Gennoe, J Branagan, M Rathbone, S Barker, G Keeley, D Fazackerley, I Miller, C Randall, C Thompson, S Garner, N Brotherston.
Referee: J Bray (Hinckley).

RESULTS, SCORERS AND TABLES FROM YESTERDAY

First division

ARSENAL (1) 1 Woodcock — 2 (0) TOTTENHAM Crooks, Falco 48,714
A VILLA (1) 3 Gibson, Birch, Rideout — 1 (1) WEST BROM Statham pen 31,710
CHELSEA (0) 1 Thomas — 0 (0) NOTTM FOR 21,662
COVENTRY (3) 4 Gibson 2, Stevens, Hibbitt — 0 (0) STOKE 9,829
EVERTON (1) 2 Steven 2 — 1 (0) LUTON Harford 31,682
IPSWICH (1) 2 Gates, Dozzell — 0 (0) NORWICH 21,710
LEICESTER (1) 1 Banks — 2 (1) SOUTH'PTN Armstrong, Wallace 18,257
MAN UTD (0) 1 Hughes — 2 (1) SHEFF WED Varadi 2 47,638
NEWCSTLE (1) 3 Beardsley 3 (1 pen) — 1 (0) SUNDRLND West 36,821
WATFORD (1) 1 Blissett pen — 1 (0) LIVERPOOL Rush 27,073
WEST HAM (1) 1 Brush — 3 (0) QPR Byrne, Bannister, Waddock 20,857

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Tottenham	23	14	4	5	47	23	46
Everton	23	14	4	5	48	29	46
Manchester United	23	12	5	6	46	29	41
Arsenal	23	12	3	8	43	30	39
Sheffield Wed	23	10	8	5	37	24	38
Southampton	23	10	7	6	29	27	37
Nottingham Forest	23	11	3	9	36	34	36
Chelsea	23	9	8	6	39	28	35
Liverpool	23	9	8	6	29	22	35
West Bromwich	23	10	4	9	37	34	34
Norwich City	23	9	6	8	30	30	33
West Ham United	23	8	7	8	30	34	31
Watford	23	7	8	8	45	42	29
QPR	23	7	8	8	30	37	29
Leicester City	23	8	4	11	42	45	28
Aston Villa	23	7	7	9	31	38	28
Newcastle United	23	7	7	9	37	45	28
Sunderland	23	7	5	11	29	35	26
Ipswich Town	23	5	7	11	21	33	22
Coventry City	23	6	4	13	25	42	22
Luton Town	23	5	6	12	27	43	21
Stoke City	23	2	5	16	17	52	11

Second division

BARNSLEY (1) 1 Owen pen — 1 (1) BLACKBURN Brotherston 10,628
CARDIFF (0) 0 — 0 (0) SHREWSBURY 4,609
CHARLTON (0) 0 — 1 (1) BRIGHTON O'Reilly 7,249
GRIMSBY (3) 5 Cumming 2, Wilkinson, Foley, Lund — 1 (0) HUDDRSFLD Little 8,790
LEEDS (1) 1 Ritchie — 1 (1) MAN CITY Melrose 22,626
MIDDLESBR' (0) 0 — 1 (0) OXFORD Hebberd 6,757
NOTTS CO (0) 0 — 0 (0) C PALACE 6,715
OLDHAM (0) 0 — 1 (1) WIMBLEDON Fairweather 3,512
PORTSMTH (4) 4 Waldron, Biley 2, Webb — 4 (0) FULHAM Coney, Rosenior, Barnett, Lock pen 17,636
SHEFF UTD (0) 3 Heffernan, Edwards, Morris pen — 4 (0) BIRMINGHM Hopkins, Geddis, Clarke, West og 16,571
WOLVES (0) 0 — 2 (2) CARLISLE O'Riordan, Poskett 6,264

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn Rovers	23	14	5	4	46	22	47
Oxford United	21	14	4	3	51	18	46
Birmingham City	23	14	4	5	33	21	46
Portsmouth	23	11	8	4	39	32	41
Manchester City	23	11	7	5	35	20	40
Leeds United	23	11	4	8	40	29	37
Huddersfield Town	23	11	4	8	33	33	37
Barnsley	22	9	9	4	25	15	36
Grimsby Town	23	11	3	9	46	39	36
Brighton	23	10	6	7	24	17	36
Fulham	23	11	3	9	42	41	36
Shrewsbury Town	23	8	8	7	40	35	32
Wimbledon	23	9	4	10	42	48	31
Carlisle United	23	8	4	11	24	34	28
Sheffield United	23	5	8	10	35	40	23
Charlton	22	5	5	11	30	35	23
Crystal Palace	22	5	8	9	27	34	23
Middlesbrough	22	6	4	12	28	38	22
Oldham Athletic	22	6	4	12	23	42	22
Wolverhampton	23	6	3	14	23	49	21
Notts County	22	4	3	15	21	44	15
Cardiff City	23	3	4	16	25	51	13

Third division

BOLTON (0) 0 — 0 (0) ORIENT 4,713
BOURNMTH (2) 2 Savage 2 (1 pen) — 0 (0) GILLNGHM 4,600
BRISTOL R (-) L — L (-) CAMBRIDGE
BURNLEY (0) 1 Biggins — 2 (1) WIGAN Barrow, Jewell 5,281
DERBY (1) 1 Davison — 0 (0) YORK 16,113
DONCASTER (0) 4 Harley, I Snodin, Parker, G Snodin — 1 (1) WALSALL Handysides 3,485
HULL (1) 2 Whitehurst, McEwan pen — 1 (1) BRISTOL C Riley 9,753
LINCOLN (1) 1 Strodder — 0 (0) SWANSEA 2,317
PLYMOUTH (1) 1 Tynan — 1 (0) BRENTFORD Alexander 6,946
PRESTON (1) 1 Kelly — 1 (1) NEWPORT Carter 3,376
READING (1) 2 Senior, Horrix — 2 (0) MILLWALL Neal, Lovell pen 4,602
ROTHERHM (0) 1 Dungworth — 2 (1) BRADFORD McCall, Ellis 9,122

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford City	23	15	4	4	35	17	49
Hull City	23	12	8	3	38	22	44
Gillingham	23	13	3	7	43	35	42
Rotherham United	23	12	5	6	35	22	41
Millwall	22	11	6	5	33	27	39
Bristol Rovers	21	11	5	5	34	23	38
Derby County	23	11	5	7	38	28	38
Bristol City	23	10	6	7	36	30	36
Bournemouth	23	10	5	8	25	18	35
Wigan Athletic	23	9	8	6	27	26	35
York City	23	10	4	9	42	34	34
Doncaster Rovers	[illegible]	10	4	9	40	33	34
Walsall	22	8	8	6	28	26	32
Reading	23	9	5	9	31	38	32
Brentford	23	8	6	8	27	31	30
Newport County	24	7	8	9	27	31	29
Lincoln City	23	5	8	9	23	28	26
Plymouth Argyle	23	6	7	10	26	44	25
Bolton Wanderers	23	7	3	13	35	35	24
Burnley	23	5	7	11	30	40	22
Orient	23	6	3	14	26	42	21
Preston North End	23	6	3	14	28	55	21
Swansea City	23	5	3	15	26	48	18
Cambridge United	22	3	4	15	19	41	13

Fourth division

CREWE (-) L — L (-) BLACKPOOL
HEREFORD (2) 3 Phillips, Kearns, Price — 0 (0) SOUTHEND 5,007
MANSFIELD (1) 2 Galloway, Whatmore — 0 (0) DARLINGTN 3,112
PETERBORO (1) 3 Kelly 2, Shepherd — 1 (1) CHESTER Fox 3,700
PORT VALE (2) 5 Kellock 2 (1 pen), Brown 2, Earle — 1 (1) EXETER Morgan 3,306
ROCHDALE (1) 2 Gamble, Taylor — 0 (0) HALIFAX 1,671
STOCKPORT (0) 4 Sword 2 (1 pen), Coyle, Crawford — 2 (1) NORTHMPN Lewis, Benjamin 1,726
SWINDON (2) 4 Rowland 2, Gordon 2 — 0 (0) CHESTRFLD 3,575
TORQUAY (1) 1 Sims — 3 (2) ALDERSHOT Burvill, Foyle, Massey 1,410
TRANMERE (0) 2 Clayton, Kelly — 0 (0) SCUNTHRPE 1,343
WREXHAM (0) 2 Edwards, Horne — 2 (1) COLCHSTER Phillips, Irving 1,376

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	22	14	5	3	40	18	47
Hereford United	23	14	5	4	38	16	47
Darlington	22	12	8	2	31	15	44
Blackpool	23	13	5	5	38	23	44
Chesterfield	22	12	7	3	38	22	43
Peterborough	23	12	4	7	34	25	40
Colchester United	23	10	7	6	45	39	37
Tranmere Rovers	23	12	1	10	41	37	37
Hartlepool United	22	9	7	6	26	27	34
Crewe Alexandra	22	10	3	9	33	34	33
Swindon Town	22	[illegible]	5	8	32	29	32
Mansfield Town	22	8	7	7	18	14	31
Port Vale	23	8	6	9	30	30	30
Scunthorpe United	21	7	7	7	37	23	28
Southend United	24	7	7	10	35	47	28
Stockport County	22	7	5	10	29	37	26
Aldershot	22	7	4	11	30	34	25
Rochdale	22	5	7	10	21	31	22
Exeter City	22	4	8	10	25	38	20
Northampton	23	6	2	15	27	41	20
Halifax Town	20	6	1	13	16	33	19
Chester	22	4	6	12	21	38	18
Torquay United	23	4	6	13	22	39	15
Wrexham	21	4	3	14	31	41	15

Peter Beardsley: scored all Newcastle's goals in 3-1 win over Sunderland.

Kevin Lock: last-minute equalizer for Fulham in 4-4 draw at Portsmouth.

Scottish premier division

DUMBARTN (1) 1 Craig — 0 (0) DUNDEE
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 Jamieson — 2 (1) HEARTS MacKay, Clark
MORTON (0) 0 — 2 (1) ST MIRREN McAvennie, Gallagher
RANGERS (1) 1 Cooper — 2 (0) CELTIC Johnston, McClair

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	20	15	3	2	44	14	33
Celtic	21	13	5	3	48	20	31
Rangers	21	9	9	3	27	14	27
Dundee United	20	10	4	6	36	23	24
St Mirren	21	9	3	9	27	34	21
Hearts	21	9	2	10	24	34	20
Dundee	21	6	4	11	27	32	16
Dumbarton	21	5	6	10	23	29	16
Hibernian	21	3	5	13	18	38	11
Morton	21	4	1	16	21	57	9

Scottish first division

CLYDE (0) 1 Willock — 0 (0) PARTICK
CLYDEBANK (1) 1 Larnach — 0 (0) AIRDRIE
EAST FIFE (2) 3 Porter 2, Murray — 0 (0) ST JOHNSTN
FORFAR (1) 2 Clark, Liddle — 1 (0) BRECHIN Eadie

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrieonians	22	12	4	6	42	35	28
Clydebank	21	11	6	4	33	21	28
Forfar Athletic	[illegible]	10	6	6	40	28	26
Falkirk	22	11	2	9	48	44	24
Hamilton	21	10	4	7	28	26	24
Clyde	22	8	7	7	33	30	23
East Fife	22	7	8	7	35	30	22
Motherwell	21	9	4	8	32	28	22
Brechin City	22	9	4	9	30	31	22
Ayr United	21	6	6	9	27	34	18
St Johnstone	21	7	3	11	33	40	17
Kilmarnock	21	6	5	10	19	37	17
Partick Thistle	22	5	6	11	24	37	16
Meadowbank	22	4	7	11	28	41	15

Scottish second division

ALBION (0) 0 — 1 (0) STNHSEMR Cairney pen
BERWICK (0) 0 — 2 (0) COWDNBTH Tierney, Doig
MONTROSE (1) 2 Sommer, Bennett — 1 (0) ARBROATH Kennedy
Q OF SOUTH (0) 0 — 0 (0) STRANRAER

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa Athletic	20	12	5	3	36	16	29
Montrose	20	13	3	4	26	21	29
Dunfermline	20	10	7	3	34	17	27
Cowdenbeath	20	9	4	7	37	25	22
Stranraer	20	9	4	7	33	28	22
Stenhousemuir	20	8	6	6	24	27	22
Stirling Albion	20	5	9	6	31	25	19
Raith Rovers	20	7	5	8	30	30	19
Berwick	21	5	8	8	23	24	18
Queen of South	20	5	7	8	25	29	17
Queen's Park	20	6	3	11	27	35	15
East Stirling	20	3	8	9	23	33	14
Arbroath	21	5	4	12	19	42	14
Albion Rovers	18	6	1	11	19	36	13

GOLA LEAGUE: Barrow 0, Altrincham 2; Enfield 3, Dagenham 2, Frickley Ath 2, Boston Utd 1; Kettering 1, Nuneaton 1; Maidstone 2, Dartford 1; Runcorn 0, Northwich Victoria 0; Wealdstone 1, Barnet 2; Weymouth 4, Yeovil 2; Worcester 1, Bath 2. Postponed Telford United v Kidderminster.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, Premier division: Billericay 0, Barking 1; Croydon 2, Dulwich Hamlet 2; Harrow 1, Hitchin Tn 2; Sutton Utd 4, Carshalton Ath 1; Windsor and Eton 1, Wycombe Wdrs 0; Wokingham 1, Hayes 0; Worthing 1, Bognor Regis 3. Postponed: Bishop's Stortford v Leytstone and Ilford; Walthamstow Ave v Harlow.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City 2, Rhyl 0; Buxton 1, Matlock 2; Grantham 1, Goole 1; Hyde Utd 1, Macclesfield 3; Marine 1, Chorley 0; Morecambe 0, Workington 0; Sth Liverpool 1, Southport 0; Witton Albion 1, Mossley 0. Postponed: Burton Albion v Stafford Rangers.

EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Gorleston 1, Gt Yarmouth 1; Wisbech 0, Chatteris 0.

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE, First division: Bromley 0, Kingstonian 1; Farnboro 3, Maidenhead 1, Hertford 3, Clapton 3; Hornchurch 1, Basildon 0; Lewes 0, Woking 1; Met Police 2, Wembley 0; Tilbury 1, Aveley 0. Second division north: Barton Rvrs 3, Letchworth 1, Epping 1, Finchley 0; Leyton W 6, Harefield 2; Royston 2, Ware 0; Saffron W 0, Heybridge S 1; Stevenage 1, Marlow 1; Tring 2, Wolverton 1. Second division south: Chertsey 2, Feltham 2; Egham 2, Camberley 0; Horsham 2, Bracknell 0; Petersfield 2, Newbury 3; Southall 0, Uxbridge 2; Whyteleafe 6, Eastbourne Utd 1.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 1, Newry Tn 0; Ballymena 0, Crusaders 0; Carrick Rangers 2, Larne 0; Cliftonville 2, Coleraine 2; Distillery 0, Bangor 2; Glentoran 5, Glenavon 0; Portadown 0, Linfield 3.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE, Premier division: A P Leamington 0, Alvechurch 2; Gloucester 0, Fareham Tn 5; R S Southampton 2, Trowbridge 1, Shepshed 0, Kings Lynn 2; Welling Utd 3, Folkestone 1; Willenhall 3, Bedworth 2. Postponed: Chelmsford v Crawley. Midland division: Banbury 4, Forest Gn 0; Dudley 3, Coventry S 0; Hednesford 3, Stourbridge 0; Leicester Utd 0, Wellingboro' 0; Moor Gn 3, Redditch 1; Rushden 3, Bridgnorth 2; Sutton Coldfield 0, Aylesbury 2; VS Rugby 2, Bromsgrove Rovers 0. Postponed: Oldbury v Milton Keynes. Southern division: Andover 2, Dorchester 2; Canterbury 0, Waterlooville 1, Dover Ath 1, Sheppey 2, Erith and B 1, Woodford 1; Hillingdon 1, Dunstable 0; Poole 0, Basingstoke 0. Postponed: Cambridge City v Chatham; Tonbridge v Ashford.

SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE, cup, first round: Portfield 1, Chichester 2.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE, Premier division: Barnstaple 1, Taunton 2; Chard 3, Exmouth 1; Chippenham 2, Frome 1; Clevedon 2, Shepton Mallet 4; Dawlish 1, Liskeard 3; Melksham 3, Bristol Manor Farm 2; Minehead 1, Bideford 2; Saltash 4, Plymouth 1. First division: Elmore 2, Ilfracombe 4; Heavitree 1, Swanage 5, Odd Down 1, Radstock 6, Portway B. 1, Larkhall 0; Torrington 4, Tiverton 0; Warminster 0, Glastonbury 3; Wellington 1, Keynsham 0; Welton 2, Westbury 1; Wimborne 4, Weymouth 3; Yeovil 1, Ottery S 0.

African king

The Cameroon captain, Theophile Abega, has been voted the African footballer of the year in a poll of journalists in 35 African countries. Abega, who led Cameroon to the title in the African nations championship in the Ivory Coast in March, plays in midfield for the French first division side, Toulouse.

Upton to Coventry

Frank Upton, the former Aston Villa and Wolverhampton Wanderers coach, has been appointed assistant to Coventry's acting manager, Don Mackay

RUGBY UNION: SELECTORS SPRING SURPRISES ON A WASP AND A GRASSHOPPER

Dodge returns to lead an England team of nine changes

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Paul Dodge returns to England's colours against Romania at Twickenham on Saturday, not only as the most experienced player in the side but as captain. In making swingeing changes to the team that lost to Australia in November, the selectors yesterday named five new caps.

To make as many as nine changes from their last selection (Brain came on as a replacement during the game with Australia) even allowing for the sad number of injuries England have suffered, argues that something has gone very seriously wrong somewhere. After the game between the Romanians and the South and South West Division yesterday the panel took another 100 minutes to decide their team, which suggests some element of disharmony.

The new players are Smith, the Wasps right wing, who has been pushing hard at Carleton's heels all season; Simms, the Cambridge University centre, and his student colleague, Andrew, at stand-off half; Harding, the Bristol scrum half, who must have thought that after a decade of trying a cap would never come his way; and Dooley, *the first player from* Preston Grasshoppers to represent England since the war.

Dodge, the fourth player to lead England during the last 12 months, has no experience of captaincy save for one game for the England Under-23 team against the Netherlands. The weight of expectation which now descends upon his 26-year-old shoulders is enormous.

He has the experience of 25 caps behind him and considerable respect among the players. Whether he has the character and steel to help build what is virtually a new side and extract victory where defeat has become something of a commonplace remains unknown.

Of the back division which played Australia, Stringer and Underwood remain. Among the forwards, Pearce, Sydall – who is subject to a fitness test on the hamstring he strained playing for the North against the Romanians last Saturday – Hall and Rees are left. Blakeway is restored to the side but at loose-head prop, a position in which he has had plenty of experience. His international match fitness must be in some doubt, however, after only one senior and four junior games this season, following a protracted rib injury.

Hesford, the Bristol No 8, also makes a come-back, though he was unlucky to miss selection against Australia while Teague's storming display against the touring side yesterday must have helped him on to the replacements' bench.

Perhaps the greatest surprise is the inclusion of Dooley, the 27-year-old policeman who, at 6ft 7in, certainly looks the part *but how has to lift his* performance from the level normaly expected of Preston Grasshoppers to that of an international. He came into the Lancashire side this season as partner to Syddall, playing in the second division of the county championship and he takes the place of Redman, who, like his Bath colleague, Chilcott, Barnes (Bristol), and Lozowski (Wasps), is dropped after only one cap.

ENGLAND: N C Stringer (Wasps); S T Smith (Wasps), K G Sims (Cambridge University), P W Dodge (Leicester, captain), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Cambridge University), R Harding (Bristol); G S Pearce (Northampton), S B Brain (Coventry), P J Blakeway (Gloucester, J P Syddall (Waterloo), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J P Hall (Bath), R Hesford (Bristol), G W Rees (Nottingham). Replacements: G H Davies (Wasps), S Barnes (Bristol), R J Hill (Bath), A Shepherd (Bristol), A Simpson (Sale); M Teague (Gloucester).

● The Newport stand-off half, Mike Lewis, who is a striking miner, is moving to Italy, where he has been offered a job by a travel agent and will play for Lazio Roma.

Lewis, aged 26, the scorer of 264 points this season, was expected to beat the club scoring record of 305

Opportunity finally knocks: Dodge (left) is made captain and Harding earns his first cap

South stick to task in mud

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

South and SW Division	15
Romanians	3

The South and South West Division, playing the well tested mid-winter game perfected by generations of West Country forwards, delivered a second jolt to Romanian plans in the Kingsholm mud yesterday. They won by two goals and a penalty goal to a penalty, and in doing so exposed the limitations of the touring side both *in the organization of their forwards* and as an attacking force.

It was an outstanding exhibition on a glutinous playing surface, heightened by the two excellent tries which would have been good on a hard ground but were little short of miraculous yesterday.

But the divisional backs would be the first to hand the laurels to their forwards, who dominated possession. *They scrummaged well and* only in the third quarter allowed the Romanians any worthwhile line-out ball. That area was largely the preserve of Hesford, Orwin and Teague, the two Gloucester men enjoying themselves on their home ground.

Nor could the Romanians match the ball-winning skills of the home forwards at ruck and maul, which led to a certain amount of obstruction and offside. That the situation did not get out of hand was due in no small way to the authority and good humour of Andre Peytavin, the French referee who did as much as anyone to make it such an enjoyable contest.

The Romanians lost two players injured during the game. It was hard *to resist the feeling that Aldea* would have joined his injured colleague, Toader, on the sidelines, such was the roasting that Trick gave him.

Goalkicking was a chancy affair on the day, the kickers getting little purchase in a strong, cold breeze blowing down the pitch. Both sides had missed two penalties before Palaschiva looked to run a tapped penalty but seemed to be overruled from the touchline. Alexandru's kick just crept over.

Before half-time, however, the divisional side were in front. Barnes had exposed the Romanians' central defence, but it was from a surging drive by Teague taht the stand-off and centres handled well, Rees timing the final pass with shrewd precision to send Trick over.

The Division's capacity for judging when to mount handling attacks was in sharp contrast to their visitors. Jersey-tugging on Palmer gave Barnes a penalty before Irwin ripped the ball free from a maul and Trick came off his wing to tear a huge hole in the defence. He rode the full back's tackle before sending Martin, another to have an *impressive game, to the line.*

SCORERS: South and South West Division: Tries: Trick, Martin. Conversions: Barnes (2). Penalty: Barnes. Romanians: Penalty: Alexandru.

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DIVISION (Bath unless stated): C Martin; D Trick, J Palmer (capt), A Rees, A Swift (Swansea); S Barnes (Bristol), R Harding (Bristol); G Chilcott, K Bogira (Bristol), A Sheppard (Bristol), M Teague (Gloucester), J Orwin (Gloucester), N Redman, R Spurrell, R Hesford (Bristol).

ROMANIA: S Podarascu; M Toader (rep: M Marghescu), A Lungu, V David (rep: T Coman), M Aldea; D Alexandru, M Paraschiv (capt); G Leonte, V Ilca, E Moinoiu, O Moraru, L Constantin, G Caragea, H Dumitras, S Costantin.

Referee: A Peytavin (France).

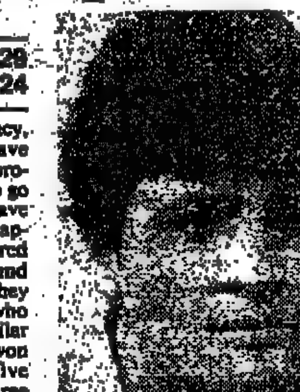
Cardiff adopt the Wallaby style

By Gerald Davies

Cardiff	29
Crawshays Welsh XV	24

If Australia have left a legacy, Cardiff seem to be the first to have benefitted. If their holiday programme of fixtures is anything to go by, Coventry apart, they have inherited the generous open approach. As a result, they have scored a bagful of tries and provided a fund of entertainment. Yesterday, they were helped by Crawshays, who traditionally play with a similar spirit of adventure. The game, won by the home side by a goal, five tries, and a penalty to a goal, three tries and two penalties, may not have had the more serious intent of other club matches but it was ideal for a new year's afternoon.

There were a number of exciting individual performances. Ring's confidence, allied to the steadiness of Donovan, now enables him to sidestep and break with frequent success. Martin, at full back, on his break from Cambridge University,



Ring: in confident form

enjoyed the freedom although he tended to kick the ball away instead of looking for support. And there was Davies, who is in line to regain his Welsh place. With one piece of back-passing with Williams, who had come on for Cordle, he produced a marvellous try for himself. For the Crawshays, Jacob and Evans combined well in midfield and Ruddock and Davies were always conspicuous in the loose.

To begin with, it was Cardiff who looked to be the scratch side. The visitors werd firmer in the scrums, and in the lineout the veteran Martin and Owen enjoyed the major share of possession. A slight case of over-elaboration infected some of Cardiff's play.

SCORERS: Cardiff: tries: Cordle (2), Cannon, Davies, Stone, Williams; conversion: Davies; penalty: Davies. Crawshays: tries: Harris, Jacob, Martin, Richards; conversion: Harris; penalties: Harris (2).

CARDIFF: A Martin; G Cordle (rep G Williams), M Ring, A Donovan, A Hadley; G Davies, S Cannon, J Whitefoot, J Scott, I Eidman, O Golding, H Stone, T Shaw, T Crowthers, S Perry-Ellis.

CRAWSHAYS WELSH XV: N Harris (South Wales Police); C Barber (South Wales Police), D Jacob (Neath), I Evans (Llanelli), G Webb (Bridgend); P Turner (Newbridge), K Norkett (Ebbw Vale); P Langford (Neath), M Richards (Neath), B Cripps (Newbridge), M Ruddock (Swansea), A Owen (Bridgend), A Martin (Aberavon), S Griffiths (Newbridge), P Davies (South Wales Police).

Referee: W D Bevan (WRU).

Bedford knocked off line by the Welsh 22

By Peter Marson

London Welsh	38
Bedford	6

London Welsh made a resounding start to their centenary year at Old Deer Park yesterday, with a decisive victory against Bedford, whom they beat by five goals and two tries to two penalty goals.

This match will be remembered as much for its meandering course and both sides' bungling as for an avalanche of 22 points in the last nine minutes. This is when the Welsh at last got their act together, scoring four tries, three of which George converted. *It was appropriate* that the penultimate should be scored by Bradley, a reward for his industry, and the last by Lewis, making his 200th appearance for the Welsh.

Both sides had been obliged to make changes, although it was only after Price and Light, the hooker, had retired injured that the Welsh achieved that close harmony for which they are renowned.

The Welsh had begun brightly with a try by Jeremy Hughes, which Price converted, and another following a trapped penalty by Russell, alsom converted by Price.

At the break, the Welsh's 12 points stood against Finnie's first penalty goal, reflecting that Bedford had been as efficient in defence as they had been uninventive in attack. Thereafter, play on both sides descended to an unmentionable level, before the Welsh pulled themselves together

SCORERS: London Welsh: Tries: J Hughes (2), Russell, George, Hurley, Bradley, Lewis. Conversions: Price (2), George (3). Bedford: Penalty goals: Finnie (2).

London Welsh: I George; J Hughes, J Hurley, M Owen, C Rees; C Price (rep: T Hughes), M Douglas; T Jones, B Light (rep: S Page), B Bradley, B Lewis, J Collins, S Russell, K Bowring, M Watkins.

Bedford: A Key; K Canning, M Canning, J Moses, N Ansell; A Finnie, I Peck; C Alcock, M Howe, G Bygraves, W Tall, S Mellow, A Graveney, S Harris, G Phillips.

Referee: P J Fitzgibbon (London).

Fast Kiwis put Ulster to flight

By George Ace

Ulster Schools	4
New Zealand Schools	24

Forward domination in the second half allied to move the ball at speed enabled the New Zealand Schools XV to register an impressive win over the Ulster Schools, the Irish champions, at Ravenhill yesterday by one gaol, three tries and two penalties to one try.

After a keenly contested first half which ended with New Zealand ahead by two tries to one, a lead *only established a few minutes from* the break, the touring team ran in two further tries, one of which was converted by Holmes, who also kicked two penalties in a one-sided second half.

Ulster opened the scoring in the twelfth minute

Understudies in need of prompting

By Nicholas Keith

Wasps	19
Rosslyn Park	9

These two clubs are due to meet in the third round of the John Player Cup in just over three weeks. However, this was a dress rehearsal staged by understudies and had little relevance as a preview of the main performance on January 26.

The game struggled to attain mediocrity and, this may have affected the referee, Roger Quittenton, who, for a member of the international panel, made some dubious decisions.

All involved seemed to be suffering colossal hangovers, or perhaps their skills were deep-frozen on a bitingly cold afternoon at Sudbury.

Wasps at least had the excuse of putting out a back division which included only one player who commands a regular first-team place (Williams, their captain). Eayres, aged 22, who has appeared for Natal B, was making his first appearance and must have wondered why Cardus, his fellow centre, wasted so *much ball by trying to crash single-*handed through the Wasps defence.

Wasps only came to life in the last quarter, after the visitors had drawn level, and two quick tries decided a *match* which had always seemed theirs for the taking. Their eventual margin of victory was two goals, a try and a penalty to three penalties.

Park tried gamely, despite a paucity of possession at every phase *of the game, although they did* improve their meagre ration in the second half

Williams, who missed from in front of the posts early on, and Graves exchanged penalties. Then a change of mind by Williams and a neat inside pass by Titcombe gave Minihan room for the first try, which Williams converted. However, Park hung on and unexpectedly equalized with penalties by Graves either side of half time.

Wasps' surge began with a try by *Adamson from a five-metre scrum*mage. Finally, in the berst move of the match, a Wasps' forward adavnce set up a ruck which enabled Williams to send a floating pass to Titcombe and the ball was transferred sweetly to Sumner for a try which Williams converted.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Minihan, Adamson, Sumner. Conversions: Williams (2). Penalty: Williams. Rosslyn Park: Penalties: Graves (3).

WASPS: K Titcombe; P Minihan, R Cardus, G Eayres, R Sumner; M Williams, J Cullen; T Rendell, M Duffelyn, J Probyn, K Moss, J Bonner, C Pannegar, L Adamson, D Pegler.

ROSSLYN PARK: J Graves; M Sparkes, A McGahey, J Ager, C Carr; M Jermyn, G Henderson; M Renny, F Timmons, D McGawley, M Hill, P Crawley, S Heaton, A Brooks, C Martell.

Referee: R Quittenton (London).

Results

TOUR MATCH

South and South West 15	Romania 3

CLUB MATCHES

Broughton Park 18	Kendal 8
Cardiff 29	Crawshay's XV 24
Fylde 22	St Helen's 12
Glamorgan Wanderers 31	Maesteg 6
Halifax 7	Sheffield 21
Liverpool C	Morley C
London Welsh 38	Bedford 6
Moseley 16	Gloucester 7
Nottingham C	Wakefield C
Nuneaton 54	Edwardian 7
Otley 4	Headingley 4
Pontypridd 20	Aberavon 13
Sale 50	Manchester 0
Saracens 15	Blackheath 12
Wasps 19	Rosslyn Park 9

Madras College FP 21, Wald Academy FP 4; Carlisle 9, Langholm 22.

CORNWALL MERIT TABLE: Falmouth 7, St Austell 10; Launceston 14, Redruth 7; Penryn 11, Truro 3.

SCHOOLS: Ulster 4, New Zealand 24.
MONDAY Swansea 40, South Glamorgan Institute 8.

BASKETBALL

Curious tactics by Yugoslavs as Maccabi win title

By Nicholas Harling

Maccabi Tel Aviv	98
Red Star Belgrade	96

The final score was close, but Maccabi Tel Aviv were never in real danger of *failing* to win the eighth world invitation club championship yesterday for the fifth time in the seven years they have competed in the Philips-sponsored event at Crystal Palace.

Maccabi thus regained the trophy they lost to Milan last year and they did so with the assistance of some curious tactics by the Yugoslavs, who began with *three internationals* on their bench. Their entire starting five, who were aged 20 or under, included Milicevic, their centre, who had flown in from Belgrade hours earlier en route from Athens, where he had begun a 23-hour train journey after playing for Yugoslavia in the Balkans championships.

Only when Maccabi built up a 16-point lead did their coach, Ranko *Zeravica, reluctantly recall Nikolic,* Avdija and Radovic, who proceeded to finish as their side's top scorers, contributing largely to Red Star's second-half rally. Zeravica explained: "We have a league game on Saturday and I wanted to give some young players experience. I had hoped to keep the game close and then bring on the experienced players, but it didn't work out like that."

Maccabi's brilliance on the fast break was responsible for giving then their 50-39 half-time lead. Aroesti brought the ball out of defence with long, looped passes to give Berkovitz and Johnson the scoring chances to put the issue beyond reasonable doubt. As always, Berkovitz's deftness of touch was *invaluble, but he* was helped this time by the strength of Johnson, who had the boards vibrating on several occations.

It was another dunk that cost Maccabi their other American Magee, who jarred a knee with five minutes of the first half left. By then the damage had been done, and Maccabi, in ay case, had a more capable deputy in Perry.

SENIOR MEN: Semi-finals: Maccabi 98, (Berkovitz 27, Johnson 27, Magee 24), Manchester 92 (Robinson 24, Brookins 24, Gardner 12, Lloyd 11); Kingston 85, (Bontrager 34, Clark 26, Davis 21), Red Star Belgrade 88 (Radovic 30, Avdija 14, Nikolic 11). Third place match: Kingston 87 (Bontrager 30, Scantlebury 16, Innell 12) Manchester 98 (Robinson 32, Gardner 17, Brookins 13). Final: Red Star Belgrade 96 (Nikolic 18, Radovic 16, Avdija 13, Kabadzic 11). Maccabi 98 (Johnson 42, Berkovitz 25, Silver 12).

Match for fifth place: Corinthians Sao Paulo 111, Atletes in Action 109. Seventh place: Crystal Palace 98, Edinburgh 88. Ninth place: Leverkusen (W.G.) 83. 11th place: Ghent 121, Vienna 119. 13th place: Solna (Swe) 71, Solent Stars 69. 15th place: Windsor (Can) 93, Slovan Bratislava 90.

Women's final: Solna (Swe) 85, Bratislava 71. Match for third place: Red Star 85, Kingston 72. Fifth place: Northampton 77, Ghent 73. Seventh place: Crystal Palace 58, Leverkusen 53. Ninth place: Manchester 83, Berlin 49. 11th place: Vienna 53, Falkirk 47.

Junior men's final: Red Star Belgrade 92, Kingston 73. Junior girl cadets final: Crystal Palace 59, Manchester 22. Wheelchair final: Norrbacka (Swe) 65, Merseyside 40.

TENNIS

Blow to Jo Louis

By Lewine Mair

Jo Louis must be beginning to wonder if she will ever pin down an 18-and-under British title. Beaten by Katie Rickett in her first game in the junior grass court championships at Eastbourne last summer, Miss Louis, aged 17, yesterday lost 4-6, 7-6, 6-3, to Sue McCarthy of Avon in her opening match in the British junior indoor championships, sponsored by Prudential, at Telford.

Seeded first, Miss Louis had looked in exactly the right frame of mind when she arrived at the start of the week. She was hitting the ball so hard and well in practice and has had plenty of tournament play during her recent trip to the States.

In winning the first set, she never looked less than confident. Thereafter, however, Sue Mappin of the LTA felt that the Devon girl had stopped working out what she was trying to do against a 15-year-old opponent who was playing very much better than had been expected.

The competitors in these junior championships umpire each other's matches and nine times out of 10 the system works well. In the Louis-McCarthy match, things were less than ideal.

Teresa Caplin, who had suffered a harrowing defeat at the hands of the sixth-seeded Alison Grant earlier in the day, was simply not sharp enough to take charge of a match of this calibre. There were two errors which all but cost Miss McCarthy the second set tie-break, while the final game, perhaps more than any other, featured calls which had spectators leaping indignantly from their seats.

PRUDENTIAL RESULTS FROM TELFORD

Monday: BOYS' SINGLES: First round: R Every bt C Bailey 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; C Beecher bt M Patchey 7-5, 6-4; N Jones bt K Fraser 6-1, 6-2; M Coombes bt U Nganga 6-4, 6-3; I Mackinlay bt L Ahmad 7-5, 6-1; J Green v G Spalding w/o; J Dawson bt M Nuttall 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; D Roberts bt D Joelson 6-3, 6-3; V Ranson bt J Martyn 7-6, 6-3; A Davies bt D Kirk 7-5, 6-1; D Clarry bt C Weekes 6-4, 6-4; S Heritage bt J Hill 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. T Maylam bt A Fisher 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; A Rouse bt S Turnsek 6-2, 6-1; S Booth bt M Syms 6-3, 6-4; A Hunting bt G Drake 0-6, 6-2, 6-1.

GIRLS' SINGLES: S McCarthy bt F Coolridge 6-1, 6-4; R Charlton bt A Simpkin 0-6, 7-6, 11-9; D Schauerman bt S Syms 7-6, 6-3; K Howden bt A Fitzgibbon 6-3, 6-1; R Kendall bt K Patel 5-7, 7-6, 6-4; K Charlton bt A Roots 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; V Lake bt A Nall 6-3, 6-3; S Timms bt S Armitage 6-1, 6-2; J Reeves bt K Hand 6-3, 6-1; T Catlin bt P Cantrell 6-0, 6-2; A Fleming bt C Bateman 6-0, 7-5; K Hunter bt B McCormick 6-2, 7-6; M Gracie bt S Ambrose 6-3, 6-4; C Billingham bt C Tear 6-2, 6-0; S Godman bt A Hills 6-1, 6-3.

Yesterday

BOYS SINGLES: Second round: N Jones bt V Ransom 6-2, 6-3; A Rouse bt S Booth 7-5, 4-6, ret hurt; R Whichelo bt T Godman 6-3, 6-0; H Pringle bt J Dawson 6-3, 6-3; D Sapsford bt D Roberts 6-1, 6-2; D Iaon bt C Beecher 6-2, 6-0; S Wilkins bt S Heritage 7-5, 3-6, 6-2; S Heron bt J Lenton 6-1, 7-6; C Peet bt C Miller 6-2, 6-2; C Brown bt M Coombes 5-7, 6-2, 5-4; A Brice bt I MacKinlay 6-3, 6-4; D Clarry bt S Bennett 7-6, 6-4; A Hunting bt D Smith 6-2, 6-3; J Goodall bt J Green 6-1, 6-2.

GIRLS: Second round: A Grant bt T Catlin 6-4, 3-6, 6-3; D Shaverman bt J Iddles 3-6, 6-4, 6-4; J Holden bt K Charlton 6-1, 6-0; R Kendall bt S Milton 6-4, 6-4; A Grunfeld bt M Gracie 6-2, 6-2; K Rickett bt A Hill 6-1, 6-0.

GIRLS SINGLES: Second round: S McCarthy bt J Louis 4-6, 7-6, 6-3; S Whiteman bt K Howden 6-2, 6-1; L Gould bt S Timms 2-6, 6-4, 5-4; J Reeves bt S West 6-2, 6-2; A Fleming bt L Stern 7-6, 6-3; J Phillips bt K Hunter 6-3, 6-0; C Billingham bt I Wild 7-5, 6-2.

Referee forced to put on his own one-man show

John McDonald, the former New Zealand Davis Cup international, let himself in for more than he bargained for when he agreed to referee the £160,000 Belgian-American young masters tournament, which starts in Birmingham today.

Less than 24 hours before the start, McDonald was still without a single umpire because of the Lawn Tennis Association's refusal to sanction the event, since it clashes with the World Doubles Championship in London. So British umpires have been barred from working at the tournament, which has attracted four players int he world's top dozen including Mats Wilander of Sweden and Pat Cash of Australia.

Other European umpires have also declined to come to Birmingham which leaves McDonald having to do the majority of the work in the chair as well as refereeing.

McDonald has had no second thoughts about his decision. He said last night: "As the former international director of World Championship Tennis, who are the promoters of the world doubles in London, I have no misgivings about the unavoidable clash. The level of support for tennis in Britain is sufficient to make both tournaments successful."

Three members of Sweden's Davis Cup team, which defeated the United States in the final last month, are among the serious contenders for the £15,000 first prize. Apart from Wilander, the top seed, his countrymen Henrik Syndstrom is seeded second and Stefan Edberg is No 6, while at No 3 there is another Swede, the world No 8, Joakin Nystrom.

Two British players, Stephen Shaw and Stuart Bale in the field at Birmingham. Shaw, 22, meets the American, Sammy Giammalva, and Bale, 20, opposes Boris Becker of West Germany.

Cassidy's staying power

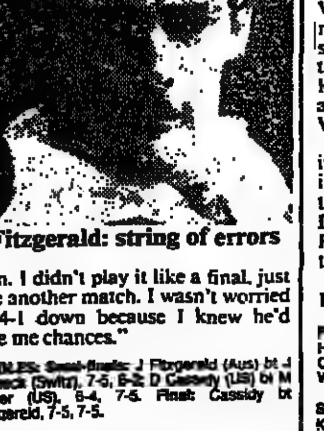
Melbourne (Reuter)–Dan Cassidy, a 23-year-old American, who was persuaded by his father not to return home after a defeat last week, yesterday won his first grand prix title when he beat the Australian Davis Cup player, John Fitzgerald, 7-6, 7-6, in the final of the Victorian Open.

Only five months after turning professional, Cassidy beat Fitzgerald in 100 minutes in the £90,000 tournament. Fitzgerald did not help his chances of winning his second grand prix tournament in three weeks by producing a string of errors. The second-seeded Australian, showing little of the form that brought him the New South Wales open title, squandered numerous chances against the short, stocky Cassidy.

He led 3-1 and 5-1 in the first set but was repeatedly let down by poor volleys. At one stage he lost seven points in a row against his serve. After collecting the £12,500 winner's cheque, Cassidy said he thought he had won because he had adopted a new mental approach to his game.

He said he was dejected and ready to fly home after losing to Huub Van Boeckel, of the Netherlands, in Adelaide, last week, but his father, Richard, *persuaded him to stay on.*

Cassidy said: "Today I didn't think about winning, just about the next point and I think that's why I won. I didn't play it like a final, just like another match. I wasn't worried at 4-1 down because I knew he'd give me chances."



Fitzgerald: string of errors

SINGLES: Semi-finals: J Fitzgerald (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 7-5, 6-2; D Cassidy (US) bt M Anger (US), 6-4, 7-5. Final: Cassidy bt Fitzgerald, 7-5, 7-5.

DOUBLES: Semi-finals: M Bauer (US) and McCain (US) bt M Fancutt (Aus) and P Doohan (Aus), 6-3, 3-6, 6-1; B Dyke (Aus) and W Masur (Aus) bt J Lloyd (GB) and C Dowdeswell (GB), 3-6, 6-4, 6-3. Final: Masur and Dyke bt Bauer and McCain, 6-7, 6-3, 7-6.

BOXING

Jones hits new camp and sharp note

By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

Colin Jones breaks with tradition in his preparation to challenge Don Curry, of the United States, for the world welterweight championship in Birmingham on January 19. Instead of doing the most serious part of training away from the "distractions" of home, as is customary when preparing for a big event, Jones has decided to move his training camp from Swansea to along the road in the Gower.

Eddie Thomas, his manager, had not been at the Swansea gym long before he realized that the boxer did not want to be too far from his wife, Deborah, his two children and dog, a Rottweiler called Bruno. "If he is unhappy away from home it is best not to move him", Thomas said. Immediately the tough Gorseinon boxer seemed completely relaxed, and his sparring partner, Brian Anderson, a light-middleweight from Sheffield, began to feel the sting in his jabs.

"I feel sorry for Curry", Colin Breen, a local manager, said. "Colin looks sharper at this sparring stage of his training than he did at the end of his training for his last fight against Billy Parks."

After five hard rounds, Anderson, who had helped him prepare for his last three contests, confirmed that Jones would be hard to beat. "His jab is incredibly fast", he said, "and *it hurts.*" But Anderson, who talks intelligently about boxers and boxing, warned: "Curry is a *terrific* fighter. He's like Leonard without flash. He does not waste a shot. He makes you throw your shots and then he is in, especially with the right. He keeps coming forward, squaring off the ring beautifully. But he has not met anyone with a punch like Colin's, and Curry's style will suit Colin."

As Jones skipped non-stop for another five rounds he laughed and joked with the watchers. "It will be some fight in Birmingham," he said. "But I will give him fast hands!"

Anderson went back to Sheffield yesterday to be replaced by two local sparring partners. On Wednesday Sylvester Mittee, the Commonwealth light-welterweight champion, and Terry Marsh, the British light-welterweight champion, arrive to supply the speed that Jones will need to beat Curry to the punch, and the Sheffield light-middle returns for the final week to step up the pressure before the Gorseinon boxer moves to Birmingham on January 11.

The 11,000 capacity National Exhibition Centre is all sold out, but one 75-year-old Welshman from Hitchin who will not be there to cheer Jones was determined to do his bit. He sent Mrs Eddie Thomas a piece of coal and a hunk of bread to first-foot Jones. The dark man Mrs Thomas enlisted to carry the coal was you-know-who, on his way to see Jones training. If Jones wins you could say that I had a hand in it.

Gumbs knocks at the door

Seoul (Reuter). – A close contest is expected when Park Jong-Pal, of South Korea, defends his International Boxing Federation (IBF) super-middleweight title against Roy Gumbs, of Britain, here today.

The South Korean makes the first defence of the title he won by knocking out Murray Sutherland, of the United States, last July.

Both boxers are hard punchers. Park, aged 24, has won 35 bouts, 31 by knockouts, drawn one and lost three. Gumbs, aged 30, has 26 wins, 20 by knockouts, three draws and 10 defeats. The champion may have difficulty against the speed and longer reach of Gumbs.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tough at the top for St Helens

The top four sides in the first division all won yesterday, but the leaders, St. Helens, were involved in a tremendous derby struggle at Widnes before winning 8-6. The Saints led 6-0 at half time with a try *from Meninga and a goal from* Holding, but Widnes fought back to 6-6 with a try and a goal by Burke. In a fiercely fought last quarter, St Helens penned Widnes close to their own line and Ledger and Holding scored dropped goals.

Hull Kingston Rovers had an expectedly comfortable 38-6 home win over Hunslet, while Oldham came back to form with a 24-12 win over a weary Halifax side, who were playing their fourth game in 11 days.

Wigan produced a magnificent second-half attacking performance at Central Park after trailing 7-2 to a determined and hard-tackling Warrington side. A 12,000 crowd saw Wigan struggle for the first 50 minutes, but afterwards display superb pace and skill, prompted by the Australian stand-off half, Brett Kenny. Ferguson, Kiss, Edwards and Gill got the Wigan tries and Whitfield kicked four goals.

Eric Grothe, the Australian international winger, made an impressive debut for Leeds, scoring three tries in the 38-4 demolition of Leigh. His fellow Australians Fullerton-Smith and Hunt also touched down for Leeds.

Fulham beat Southend Invicta 16-14 in the second division.

FIRST DIVISION: Castleford 16, Bradford N 2; Hull KR 38, Hunslet 6; Leeds 38, Leigh 4; Oldham 24, Halifax 12; Widnes 6, St Helens 8; Wigan 24, Warrington 7.

SECOND DIVISION: Bramley 8, Wakefield T 7; Keighley 18, Huddersfield 0; Southend Invicta 14, Fulham 16; Swinton 48, Runcorn H 6.

SKI JUMPING: Jens Weissflog, the East German Olympic champion, won the World Cup 90-metre event at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, gaining 210.1 points from jumps of 93 and 102.5 metres. Jari Puikkonen (Finland) was second with 197.9. He leapt 96.5 and 98.5 metres to finish ahead of another East German, Klaus Ostwald (196.6). In the overall standings, Andreas Felder (Austria) held on to his lead despite finishing eleventh.

GOLF

WELLINGTON: New Zealand PGA championship: 282: G Turner 71, 69, 70, 72. 285: F Nobilo 71, 72, 71, 71. 288: B Soland 69, 69, 79, 69; K Mast? (Can) 69, 72, 74, 71; R Barker 74, 72, 72, 69; 287: M Moynihan 73, 73, 70, 69. 288: R Coombes 74, 73, 71, 70. 289: C Owen 70, 72, 76, 71, K Dickey (Can) 73, 71, 68, 77.

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Sunday: New York Rangers 6, St Louis Blues 2; Boston Bruins 5, Winnipeg Jets 3; Calgary Flames 5, Chicago Black Hawks 2; Edmonton Oilers 7, Vancouver Canucks 7; Philadelphia Flyers 3, Los Angeles Kings 2. Monday: Montreal Canadiens 4, Quebec Nordiques 4; Detroit Red Wings 4, Pittsburg Penguins 4; Buffalo Sabres 6, New Jersey Devils 4; Minnesota North Stars 4, New York Islanders 3.

HELSINKI: World junior championship: Canada 2, Czechoslovakia 2; Canada 5, USSR 8; Canada 4, Finland 4; Sweden 7, US 3; Czechoslovakia 3, USSR 1.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

National League (NFL): American Conference semi-final: Pittsburgh Steelers 24, Denver Broncos 17. National Conference semi-final: Chicago Bears 23, Washington Redskins 19.

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Milwaukee Bucks 114, Boston Celtics 98; Phoenix Suns 117, Los Angeles Clippers 108.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston Celtics	26	6	.813	–
Philadelphia 76ers	24	6	.800	1.0
Washington Bullets	19	13	.594	7.0
New Jersey Nets	16	17	.489	11.0
New York Knicks	12	22	.353	15.0

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee Bucks	22	11	.667	–
Chicago Bulls	16	15	.516	5.0
Detroit Pistons	16	15	.516	5.0
Atlanta Hawks	13	19	.406	8.5
Indiana Pacers	8	22	.267	12.5
Cleveland Cavaliers	6	22	.214	13.5

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver Nuggets	19	12	.613	–
Houston Rockets	18	13	.581	1.0
Dallas Mavericks	15	15	.500	7.0
Utah Jazz	15	17	.469	11.0
San Antonio Spurs	14	18	.438	15.0
Kansas City Kings	11	18	.379	

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles Lakers	22	10	.688	–
Phoenix Suns	17	15	.531	5.0
Portland Trail Blazers	14	17	.452	7.5
Los Angeles Clippers	14	19	.424	8.5
Seattle Supersonics	14	18	.438	8.0
Golden State Warriors	10	20	.333	11.0

SKI JUMPING

GARMISCH-PARTENKIRCHEN: World Cup 90-metre event: 1, J Weissflog (EG) 201.1 pts (98/102.5 metres); 2, J Puikkonen (Fin) 197.9 (96.5/98.5); 3, K Ostwald (EG) 196.6 (99/94); 4, H Stjernen (Nor) 193.8 (96.5/96.5); 5, H Bulau (Can) 192.3 (95.5/95.5); 6, J Parma (Cz) 192.2 (95/94.5). Standings after six events: 1, A Felder (Austria) 118 pts; 2, Puikkonen, 84; 3, E Vettori (Austria) 82; 4, M [illegible] (Fin) 64.5; 5, Parma, 53.6; 6, Ploc (Cz) 48.

CYCLING

COLOGNE: Six-day race, fifth night: 1, J Kristen/H Rinklin (WG) 197pts; 2, G Frank/H Schuetz (Den/WG) 178 (1 lap behind); 3, D Thurau/D Clark (WG/Aus) 122 (1 lap behind); 4, A Fritz/R Pijnen (WG/Neth) 44 (1 lap behind); 5, R Dill-Bundi/G Wiggins (Switz/Aus) 61 (9 laps behind); 6, H Hindelang/S Schroepfer (WG) 110 (14 laps behind).

ROAD RUNNING

EPSOM: Tadworth 10 miles: 1, M Page, (Woking), 50min 46sec; 2, E Barrett (Worthing), 52min 44sec; 3, C Beauvais (Omega) 52min 48sec. Women: 1, H Pratt (Ranelagh) 60min 39sec.

ATHLETICS

MORPETH TO NEWCASTLE (14 miles): 1, A Hutton (Edinburgh Southern) 1 hr 5 min 38 sec; 2 F Clyne (Aberdeen), 1.06.39; 3, K Penny (Cambridge Harriers), 1.07.54. Team: 1 Stratford, 44pts; 2, Cambridge Harriers 54; 3, Aberdeen, 72.

TOBOGGANING

CRESTA RUN: Fairchilds MacCarthy Cup (handicap): 1, N Bibbia (It) handicap 2.80, net total 124.43; 2, N Bonham (GB) 3.80, 125.47; 3, N Boutard (GB), 5.00, 125.81; 4, M Innes (GB) 3.30, 126.60; 5, V Schicht (Switz) 3.80, 127.52; 6, W Naegeli (Switz) 5.10, 127.75.

IN BRIEF

Test batsman's brother is golf champion

Wellington (Reuter)– Greg Turner, playing in only his third professional tournament, won the New Zealand PGA gold championship *by three strokes at Mount* Maunagui.

Turner, younger brother of the former Test cricketer, Glenn Turner, finished with an erratic round of 72 during which his ball became lodged up a tree. His four-round total of 282 was six under par.

YACHTING: The 12.3 metre yacht, Indian Pacific, took the handicap honours in the Sydney-to-Hobart race. She edged out the 9.4-metre, Lawless which was becalmed for a time in the Derwent river. The Auckland maxi, New Zealand, took line honours.

HOCKEY: About 200 journalists and up to 50 radio and television commentators can expect working facilities in a modern press centre at the 1986 World Cup tournament in London (Sydney Friskin writes). The organizing board start the new year with a promotion campaign aimed at raising a net total of £400,000 in sponsorship revenue.

ATHLETICS: Martti Vainio (Finland), who was stripped of his Olympic 5,000 metres silver medal *after failing a dope test,* has now lost his national 5,000 metres and 10,000 metres titles.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Mrs Robinson excluded from North team

By Joyce Whitehead

Valerie Robinson, who has earned more England caps than any other player, has lost her place in the *North team. She was injured and* played only once at the women's county tournament. The selectors decided to place her as No 13 in the B team.

Lancashire are the new North champions, Cheshire, the holders, having dropped to sixth place. Yorkshire were second. Third were Lancashire Central League who defeated Cheshire 2-0 on Monday, Irene Muldowney scoring both goals.

Leicestershire retained their title in the Midlands after their 3-0 defeat of Warwickshire who dropped to third place. Staffordshire were second.

In the East, Suffolk, the holders, lost 0-1 to Huntingdonshire and so Essex took the title on goal difference. Essex drew 3-3 with Cambridgeshire to achieve their position, leaving Suffolk in second place.

Avon, a strong team, deserve their title in the West. Somerset were second and Herefordshire took third place.

Buckinghamshire topped the *South championship table for the* first time in 15 years, having won all six matches. Middlesex, the 1984 champions, lost all hope of retaining the title when they achieved only a goalless draw with Berkshire on *Monday and finished second.*

RESULTS: South: Monday: Surrey 1, Sussex 1; Middlesex 0, Berkshire 0; Hampshire 1, Oxfordshire 0. Yesterday: Sussex 1, Oxfordshire 0; Surrey 3, Hampshire 2; Buckinghamshire 3, Middlesex 1. East: Monday: Cambridgeshire 3, Essex 3; Hertfordshire 4, Lincolnshire 0; Huntingdonshire 1, Suffolk 0; Kent 2, Norfolk 0. Midlands: Monday: Worcestershire 1, Nottinghamshire 1; Leicestershire 3, Warwickshire 0; Bedfordshire 1, Northamptonshire 0; Staffordshire 1, Derbyshire 0. North: Monday: Lancashire Central League 2, Cheshire 0; Lancashire 4, Cumberland 0; Durham 1, Manchester League 0; Yorkshire 1, Northumberland 0; Sheffield League 1, Westmorland 0. West: Monday: Wiltshire 2, Dorset 2; Devon 2, Cornwall 0; Avon 4, Somerset 0; Hertfordshire 2, Gloucestershire 0.

NORTH: V Hallam (Sheffield League), J Snkurka (Sheffield L), J Crook (Lancashire), G Atkins (Yorkshire), N Dix (Durham), L Carr (Lancashire), M Souyave (Lancashire), M Smith (Yorkshire), J Jones (Lancashire), G Huggon (Yorkshire), J Bennister (Cheshire).

MIDLANDS: M Burrows (Derbyshire), S Holwell (Leicestershire), A Goucher (Bedford College), B Hambley (Warwickshire), M Allen (Warwickshire), K Lobb (Leicestershire), H Woodward (Leicestershire), K Gordon (Leicestershire), M Cheetham (Leicestershire), J Swinnerton (Staffordshire), D Parker (Leicestershire). Reserves: D Dredge, (Bedfordshire), L McVey (Bedfordshire).

WEST: J Williams (Dorset), R Goodridge (Devon), S Brimble (Gloucestershire), H Bartlett (Devon), C Unwin (Cornwall), C Coombes (Avon), S Franks (Somerset), J Smith (Devon), K Tilbury (Avon), A Wright (Avon), C Clarke (Devon), S Pearson (Avon), S Slocombe (Somerset).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Fourth Division: Hartlepool v Bury (7.30).
SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION: Dundee Utd. v Aberdeen (3.0).
SCOTTISH FIRST DIVISION: Ayr v Kilmarnock (3.0); Motherwell v Hamilton (3.0).
SCOTTISH SECOND DIVISION: Alloa v Stirling Albion (3.0); Dunfermline v Raith Rovers (3.0).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: First Division: (7.0): Blackburn Rovers v Coventry City; Stoke v Sheffield Wednesday; West Brom Albion v Derby County. Second Division: Hull City v Doncaster.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: (2.0): Crystal Palace v Chelsea; Millwall v Ipswich; Q.P.Rangers v Brighton.
SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First Division: Wick v Steyning Town.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third Round: Sheffield Utd v Oldham (7.30).
FA VASE: Third Round Replay: Wivenhoe v Braintree (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (2.15): Jed-Forest v Kelso; Newport v Llanelli (7.0); Royal High v Gala; Hawick v Heriot's FP.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: First Division: Kingcraft Kingston v Bracknell Pirates (8.0).

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: World Doubles Tournament, Albert hall (6.0). Young Masters Tournament, Birmingham (11.0). Prudential British Junior Covered Court Championships, Telford.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Paddy Kirwan, the Oldham scrum half, has broken a bone in a wrist and will be out for two months.

RACING: WING AND A PRAYER UNDERLINES TRIUMPH HURDLE CLAIMS

Lucky Vane to vindicate Balding's judgement

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Instead of taking on Canny Danny with Lucky Vane in the Peter Cazalet, Antony Mildmay Chase at Sandown on Saturday, Toby Balding has opted for the easier option in today's Food Brokers Happy New Year Handicap Chase at Cheltenham today. I think that his decision will be justified.

Balding's first reaction was that going for the Sandown race would have given his horse more time to recover from his recent exertions in the Welsh National at Chepstow. But having weighed up the pros and cons he eventually reasoned that today's opposition and today's distance of four miles were the better cards to play.

One important thing to consider is that Lucky Vane is the form horse in today's field whereas Corbière, his premier rival on all known achievements, is not yet in the right groove. The other consideration was that the rest of the field are "out of the handicap", as Balding reasoned to me at Cheltenham yesterday. So both Lucky Vane and Corbière are at an advantage, with Lucky Vane looking the lucky one in my judgement.

Otherwise it could easily pay to follow John Francome at Prestbury Park today, as he attempts to end his brilliant riding career in yet more glory before turning his hand to training. I Haventalight (12.30), Glyde Court (1.5), Playboy (1.40) and Ulan Bator (3.25) look poised to give the champion jockey additional impetus to the start of the new year after his excellent results yesterday.

In spite of stiff opposition from Burannpour, Moon Mariner and Tribal Dance, I really fancy the chances of Ulan Bator, who is napped to win the Woodmancote Novices' Hurdle. Ulan Bator was rated so highly in Ireland durind his formative days that Fred Winter felt compelled to buy him for Olive Jackson as a replacement for her Gold Cup winner, Midnight Court.

Initially, a defeat over two miles at Leicester came as a nasty shock. However on reflection it transpired that their horse needed further; an observation that was borne out when Ulan Bator won his next race at Chepstow over two and a half miles, precisely the distance that confronts him now.

Earlier in the day I Haventalight's recent performance against Right Regent puts him in the firing line for the Ernest Robinson Handicap Hurdle. Glyde Court will surely be hard to beat in the Food Brokers Alma Confectionery Novices' Chase, in spite of the fact that Ben Lair and Von Trappe have stood their ground.

At Towcester, Tim Forster is making a determined attempt to win the Well To Do Challenge Cup again, which is not surprising bearing in mind that the race is named in memory of the horse who gave him that unforgettable experience by winning the Grand National carrying his own colours. Today Forster is running both Bright Beacon and Royal Admiral.

However, in this instance my inkling is that his two-pronged attack will be foiled by Roddy Armytage's runner Tom Tailor, who, if past performances are anything to go by, will appreciate the distance of today's race, having been run off his feet over only two miles at Lingfield Park.

Ayr's annual Hogmanay meeting looks to have presented Grinders with a good opportunity of winning the McAlpine Challenge Cup especially as Another City, who is arguably his principal rival, has been made to look so vulnerable at Newcastle. However, her trainer, Gordon Richards, can win other races there, with Prime Stone (12.45) and Charles Duke (2.15).

Toby Balding and John Burke, trainer and jockey of Lucky Vane (2.15 Cheltenham)

Course specialists

CHELTENHAM

JOCKEYS: R Linley 19 winners from 98 rides, 19.8%; J Francome 44 from 229, 19.2%; J J O'Neill 14 from 104, 13.5%.

TRAINERS: F Winter 47 winners from 228 runners, 20.6%; D Elsworth 13 from 72, 18.1%; F Walwyn 28 from 158, 17.9%.

TOWCESTER

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles 13 winners from 63 rides, 20.6%; H Davies 23 from 132, 17.4%; A Webber 20 from 124, 16.1%.

TRAINERS: F Winter 13 winners from 47 runners, 27.7%; R Armytage 12 from 54, 22.2%; J Webber 11 from 52, 21.1%.

AYR

JOCKEYS: P A Charlton 16 winners from 75 rides, 21.3%; N Doughty 22 from 152, 14.5%; T G Dun 19 from 148, 12.8%.

TRAINERS: G Richards 54 winners from 281 runners, 19.2%; W A Stephenson 27 from 175, 15.4%; Denys Smith 12 from 87, 13.8%.

Jenkins keeps up a furious pace

By Michael Seely

John Jenkins remained in invincible form at Cheltenham yesterday. Following hard on the heels of his 64-1 double with Indiana Dare and Mr Menacing on New Year's Eve, the Epsom trainer showed us a leading candidate for the *Daily Express* Triumph Hurdle when Wing And A Prayer gave a repeat performance of his recent course win in the Steel Plate Trial Hurdle.

Confidentally ridden by John Francome, the 11-10 favourite was always travelling supremely easily and coasted home six lengths ahead of Freeflow. Pagan Sun, Terry Ramsden's recent expensive purchase, failed to stay the testing two miles and finished 12 lengths further away, third.

Wing And A Prayer was bought by David Steele for a reported £50,000 from Mr Ramsden after he had been narrowly defeated by Beat The Retreat at Sandown. Yesterday's winner now looks cheap at that price.

Jenkins is a realist as well as being an exceptionally talented trainer. Talking about the horse who gave him his 53rd winner of the campaign, he said: "The Triumph is a long way off and anyway it's a funny race that's generally won by a 50-1 outsider. But this is a fine, big, young horse who is bound to make a chaser in due course."

The trainer intends striking while the iron is hot as Wing and A Prayer will pull out again for the Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown on Saturday, when Beat The Retreat is to be aimed at the other novices' hurdle the same afternoon. Wing And A Prayer is generally on offer at 16-1 for the four-year-old championship at the National Hunt Festival, with Tondbad, Dermot Weld's impressive winner at Leopardstown on Boxing Day, first choice in the market at 12-1.

With the Festival in mind, all promising young hurdlers are now coming under the microscope. Stan Mellor certainly showed us a likely prospect for the Sun Alliance Hurdle when Ten Of Spades landed the odds of 5-4 laid on Colonel Billy Whitbread's four-year-old in the first division of the Malvern Novices' Hurdle.

In many ways this was an unsatisfactory affair as Broken Rail had fallen at the second flight from home, when still apprently full of running. A Deep Trouble, the runner-up, appeared to be holding Ten Of Spades's challenge when he blundered at the final hurdle and hung to the left on the flat. But Ten Of Spades was staying on in determined fashion at the finish and eventually won by eight lengths.

"This is a nice young horse," Mellor said afterwards. "But he's going to be much better suited by two and a half miles and the Sun Alliance is definitely on his agenda."

We had to wait until the second division of this event and for the final race of the day for the excitement of watching a vintage performance by Francome when earning his seventieth victory of the season on Emerald Watson. The heavily-backed joint favourite never appeared to be going as well as his market rival, Deep Impression. However, with the champion riding like a man possessed, Emerald Watson eventually gained the upper hand to win by a length and a half.

A relieved Fred Winter made the appropriate comment afterwards when the seven-times champion trainer raised his eyes to heaven in a gesture of relief. "That was fairly exciting, although my jockey tells me he rode a good race. Emerald Watson will make a good horse in time. But he needs to put his jumping together first."

Kim Bailey was just about the happiest man on New Year's Day when a vociferous knot of the East Isley trainer's supporters cheered Bright Oassis home in the Cleeve Hill Handicap Chase at the rewarding price of 5-1. "That lot were all at my New Year's Eve party last night and I told them all to get on," the trainer said. "I can't imagine why, as I have had 18 seconds since I last had a winner."

The day's "good thing" duly obliged when Destiny Bay landed the odds of 5-2 Laid on Nicky Henderson's seven-year-old in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers' Qualifier. In the absence of The Reject, Desting Bay had a simple task and he eventually came home 25 lengths clear of Bucks Green.

Earlier in the day Paul Croucher, who rode Bright Oassis, had initiated a double when partnering Ballyross to an easy win in the North Leach Conditional Jockeys' Handicap. Carrying the colours made famous by Arkle, the indomitable old warrior celebrated his fourteenth birthday By making every yard of the running to beat Glenfox by six lengths.

"He still loves it if he can get his head in front," Anne, Duchess of Westminster, His owner, said. "But he still doesn't want to go down to the start or jump off in the race."

Mellor, the trainer of the beaten 2-1 on favourite, said: "I gave the old horse a lift to the races. First he tried to kick my box down and now he goes and beats me."

Wing And A Prayer takes the last hurdle well clear of Freeflow at Cheltenham

WINDSOR REPORT

Ra Nova erases Kempton memory

Ra Nova shrugged off his disappointing run behind Browne's Gazette at Kempton Park on Boxing Day with a 20 length victory in the New Year's Day Hurdle at Windsor yesterday. Janus, eight lengths in front of Ra Nova at Kempton, struggled home a well-beaten second.

Corals clipped Ra Nova Champion Hurdle odds to 14-1, but Ward Hill retain the Lambourn six-year-old at 16-1. Nan Kennedy, the trainer, said: "He just had an off day last time out and he couldn't lay up. I may give him a run before Cheltenham in the Fred Rimell Hurdle at Hereford at the end of the month."

Ra Nova, ridden for the first time by Richard Dunwoody, who also won on Romana Mia and Chelsea Maid, led early, gave way to Rhythmic Pastimes at the fourth flight, but regained command going to the third last and then raced clear. Dunwoody said: "Ra Nova was very impressive and won his race in a matter of 10 strides."

Romana Mia won the Langley Novices' Chase by two lengths after the leader, Silva Linda, and Vaigly Ral fell four out.

Chelsea Maid won the Touchen End Handicap Hurdle by 10 lengths to give Ray Laing his second winner of the season. "I had three jumpers last winter and two wins at 20–1 and 33–1", Laing said.

On one of the coldest racing days of the season, the man with the right idea was Ron Shaw. While his Manton Castle was holding off Donagal Prince by two lengths in the Freddie Starr Handicap Chase, Shaw was sunning himself in Antigua.

Gardy Grissell, who had atrocious luck recently, was glad to put 1984 behind him and start the New Year with Bright Morning's 30-length success in the Eccleswell Handicap. The gelding had already supplied Grissell's only two previous of the season and will be aimed for a race at the Grand National meeting.

● Frank Leavy rode his first winner since returning from Canada and the United States – where he had 12 successes in two years – when winning on Mr Menacing at Leicester on Monday.

CHELTENHAM (BBC)

[Televised: 1.5, 1.40, 2.15, 2.50]

GOING: good to soft.

Tote: double: 1.40, 2.50; treble 1.5, 2.15, 3.25.

12.30 ERNEST ROBINSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,2725: 3m) (12 runners)

102 12-0102 NIALAN (D) (N de Savary) J Jenkins 5-11-7 ...... S Smith Eccles
104 011/40-p HAL'S JOY (C) (G Palmer) M Pipe 6-11-6 ...... P Leach
105 130-002 I HAVENTALIGHT (B) (B Brazier) F Winter 6-11-5 ...... J Francome
106 30-2201 CAMEBELLE (Maj N Martin) N Mitchell 7-11-4 (6 ex) ...... B Powell
107 02000-0 BRASS CHANGE (D) (N Goodwin) I Dudgeon 7-11-0 ...... P Barton
109 221004 ALFIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 7-10-13 ...... J J O'Neill
111 124-241 MISTY DALE (D Ross) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-11 ...... –
112 02124-3 ISAAC NEWTON (N Clark) R Armytage 7-10-10 ...... A Webber
114 2p-0422 REBEG (Ld Astor) T Forster 8-10-6 ...... R Dunwoody
117 00C0-01 COMMONTY (C) (Miss K Allen) C A Bell 7-10-0 ...... J H Davies
118 p03-00p MISS WILLIE (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 8-10-0 ...... R Dickin
119 p304-35 WILD CORN (BF) (B Akerman) W Fisher 6-10-0 ...... K Mooney

1984: Mossmorran 6-11-4 G Bradley (5-6 Fav) A Scott 8 ran.

9-2 Misty Dale, 5 Nialan, 6 I Haventalight, 7 Camebelle, Alfie Dickins, 8 Rebeg, 10 Isaac Newton, Commonty, 12 Wild Corn, 14 Brass Change, 10 others.

FORM: NIALAN (10-11) 7l 2nd of 11 to Kristenson (10-6) at Ascot (3m 2f hdle, £7,018, good to soft, Dec 15). I HAVENTALIGHT (11-6) 4l 2nd of 16 to Right Regent (10-4) over course and distance (£3,015, good to soft, Dec 7). ALFIE DICKINS (11-10) 12l 4th of 13 to Pelion (10-12) at Huntingdon (3m hdle, £1,833, good, Dec 12). MISTY DALE (11-11) beat Sacred Path (11-1) 3l at Nottingham (2m 6f hdle, £863, good to soft, Dec 22, 14 ran). ISAAC NEWTON (10-6) 8l 3rd of 15 to Bolands Cross (10-6) at Newbury (2m 4f hdle, £2,302, heavy, Nov 23) with I HAVENTALIGHT (11-5) 6th. REBEG (11-5) 3l 2nd of 17 to Mendaleak (10-0) at Hereford (3m 1f hdle, £919, soft, Dec 20).
Selection: I HAVENTALIGHT

Cheltenham selections

By Mandarin

12.30 I Haventalight. 1.5 Glyde Court. 1.40 Play Boy. 2.15 Lucky Vane. 2.50 Left Bank. 3.25 ULAN BATOR (nap).

1.5 FOOD BROKERS ALMA CONFECTIONERY NOVICES' CHASE (£4,495: 3m 1f) (6)

202 132212 GOOD TRADE (A Lester) R Perkins 10-11-4 ...... Dai Williams
203 fp-p11 BEN LAIR (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 7-11-0 ...... R Pusey
204 324f BYE APPEAL (A Baxter) N Mitchell 9-11-0 ...... B Powell
205 11p1-14 GLYDE COURT (C) (C Cronin) F Winter 8-11-0 ...... J Francome
206 11p-f42 SIGN AGAIN (R Wright) J Fox 7-11-0 ...... S Moore
209 23-3310 VON TRAPPE (P Clarke) M Oliver 8-11-0 ...... R Dunwoody

1984: Two Coppers 9-11-0 C Brown (12-1) L Kennard 5 ran.

2 Glyde Court, 5-2 Ben Lair, 3 Sign Again, 5 Von Trappe, 7 Good Trade, 25 Bye Appeal.

FORM: BEN LAIR (11-6) beat Seven Acres (10-12) 1½l at Worcester (3m ch, £1280, heavy, Dec 19 18 ran). GLYDE COURT (11-6) just under 4l 4th of 5 to Hard Case (11-6) over course and distance (£4464, good to soft, Dec 8). SIGN AGAIN (10-12) bad mistake 3 out before 7l 2nd of 6 to Buckee (10-8) at Ascot (2m 4f ch, £5572, good to soft, Dec 15). VON TRAPPE, maiden chasing debut in this country, (10-11) 6th of 11 to Kristenson (10-6) at Ascot (3m 2f hdle, £7018, good to soft, Dec 15).
Selection: GLYDE COURT

1.40 FOOD BROKERS FERRERO ROCHER HURDLE (£4,237: 2m 4f) (4)

302 31401-0 LOCHBOISDALE (B) (Winterbourne Construction) J King 5-11-4 ...... S Smith Eccles
303 2112 PLAY BOY (BF) (Duke of Alburquerque) F Winter 5-11-4 ...... J Francome
304 0f-0102 CAMINO CRYSTAL (B) (P Doherty) S Christian 5-11-0 ...... K Mooney
305 203-040 STANS PRIDE (Mrs M Morgan) G Price 6-10-9 ...... S Morshead

1984: Robin Wonder 6-11-12 J Francome (3-1 fav) D Elsworth 6 ran.

5-4 Play Boy, 2 Stans Pride, 4 Camino Crystal, 5 Lochboisdale.

FORM: LOCHBOISDALE (10-11) 7th of 11 to Dalbury (11-11) at Lingfield (2m hdle, £3268, heavy, Dec 22). PLAY BOY (11-8) 2l 2nd of 8 to Irishstarran (11-2) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f hdle, £1636, soft, Nov 29). CAMINO CRYSTAL (11-13) 15l 2nd of 21 to Le Levador (10-4) at Chepstow (2m 4f hdle, £1039, soft, Dec 22). STAN'S PRIDE (10-12) last of 7 to Browne's Gazette (11-3) at Kempton (2m hdle, £15572, good to soft, Dec 26).
Selection: STAN'S PRIDE

2.15 FOOD BROKERS HAPPY NEW YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£5,836: 4m) (8)

401 214-102 LUCKY VANE (CD) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 10-11-7 ...... J Burke
402 023-440 CORBIERE (B Burrough) Mrs J Pitman 10-11-1 ...... J Francome
403 210-213 PUCKA FELLA (BF) (Mrs D Tucker) Mrs D Tucker 11-10-0 ...... C Brown
404 10001-p EGGNOG (R Carrier (un)) R Champion 12-10-0 ...... G McCourt
406 u20310 BASHFUL LAD (Mrs F Parkes) M Oliver 10-10-0 ...... R Dunwoody
407 143-000 BRIDGE ASH (J Johnson) J Johnson 12-10-0 ...... C Smith
408 1r/004-p BONUM OMEN (CD) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 11-10-0 ...... K Mooney
409 141-234 MR MOLE (Mrs S Gill) Mrs S Gill 10-10-0 ...... –

1984: Solihull Sport 10-10-4 J Webber (14-1) J Spearing 14 ran.

Evens Lucky Vane, 7-2 Corbiere, 9-2 Bashful Lad, 8 Pucka Fella, 10 Mr Mole, 12 Bonum Omen, 16 others.

FORM: LUCKY VANE (11-13) 7l 2nd of 18 to Righthand Man (11-5) at Chepstow (3m 6f ch, £19132, soft, Dec 22), with BRIDGE ASH (10-1) tailed off in 13th. CORBIERE (11-7) distant 6th of 8 finishers to Little Polveir (10-0) at Sandown (3m 5f ch, £3700, good to soft, Dec 1), when EGGNOG (10-0) pulled up. PUCKA FELLA (12-6) distant 3rd of 4 finishers to Fredwell (11-3) at Hereford (3m 1f ch, £1724, soft, Dec 20). BASHFUL LAD (10-1) last of 6 finishers to Canny Danny (11-8) at Ascot (3m ch, £11784, good to soft, Dec 15).
Selection: LUCKY VANE

2.50 FAIRFORD HANDICAP CHASE (£4,084: 2m) (9)

501 111-041 LEFT BANK (D) (G Beccle) D Morley 7-11-12 (7 ex) ...... P Scudamore
502 1120-00 ST ALEZAN (C,D) (Ld Coventry) M Tate 8-11-10 ...... C Smith
504 1-03110 RESTLESS SHOT (CD) (R Richmond-Watson) J Webber 10-11-5 ...... G McCourt
507 121-003 TOIRDEALBHACH (CD) (H Harpur-Crewe) P O'Connor 11-10-11 ...... J Francome
508 21b012 GOLDEN FRIEND (D)(BF) (D Meade) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-10 ...... S Morshead
509 4002u3 WALNUT WONDER (CD) (R Hickman) R Hickman 10-10-8 ...... J Bryan
510 121141 FREIGHT FORWARDER (CD)(BF) (Britannic Shipping) A Pitt 11-10-2 ...... R Dunwoody
512 00-00p4 WATER ROCK (CD) (J Thorne) J Thorne 10-10-0 ...... J Hurst 7
513 030430 DISHCLOTH (D) (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 11-10-0 ...... J Bryan

1984: No corresponding race.

3 Left Bank, 7-2 Golden Friend, 4 Freight Forwarder, 6 Walnut Wonder, 7 Restless Shot, Water Rock, 8 Toirdealbhach, 12 St Alezan, 10 Dishcloth.

FORM: LEFT BANK (11-7) beat Brave George (11-3) ¾l at Ascot (2M ch, £6,508 good to soft, Dec 15, 6 ran). WALNUT WONDER (10-11) 8l 2nd of 7 to Romany Nightshade (11-1) over course and distance (£3,965), good to soft, Dec 8), with RESTLESS SHOT (11-5) 25 ¼l back in 5th. TOIRDEALBHACH (12-7) 14l 3rd of 4 to Professor Plum (11-7) at Towcester (2m ch, £1,192, good to soft, Dec 15). GOLDEN FRIEND (11-11) 5l 2nd of 4 to Jo Columbo (11-7) at Haydock (2m ch, £2,684, good, Dec 12). FREIGHT FORWARDER (11-4) 3l 2nd of 6 to Our Fun (10-12) at Sandown (2m nov ch, £3,503, good to soft, Dec 1). WATER ROCK (11-5) 5½l 4th of 6 to King's Jug (10-12) over course and distance (£2,944, good to soft, Dec 7), with TOIRDEALBHACH (11-12) 20l away 5th.
Selection: LEFT BANK.

3.25 WOODMANCOTE NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,959: 2m 4f) (18)

610 21 ULAN BATOR (B) (Mrs O Jackson) F Winter 6-11-6 ...... J Francome
614 22-2f23 BURANNPOUR (E Weinstein) A Jarvis 5-11-0 ...... P Scudamore
616 p00-0 CELTIC CAPRI (J Cork) J Cork 6-11-0 ...... –
617 0 CELTIC FLIGHT (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs R Rimell 5-11-0 ...... S Morshead
618 00-0 CELTIC HAMLET (A Stitson) P Cundell 6-11-0 ...... J J O'Neill
619 0 COME ALIVE (J Poynton) J Gifford 6-11-0 ...... P Nicholls
621 4 DOWN FLIGHT (S Squires) C Holmes 5-11-0 ...... A Webb
625 00-p2 LEVANT WAY (Mrs M Begrove) W Fisher 5-11-0 ...... K Mooney
626 0/0100-4 MASTER CONE (M Reid) M Reid 6-11-0 ...... P Carvill
629 403 MAUJENDOR (T Sivitar) M Tate 5-11-0 ...... R Hyett
630 p MAXI MOMENT (N Stevens) N Stevens 6-11-0 ...... G McCourt
631 02 MOON MARINER (W Mullins) D Elsworth 5-11-0 ...... C Brown
632 0 OLD FLAME (F Parkes) M Oliver 6-11-0 ...... R Dunwoody
635 030 THE KRACK (Petford Tools) F Yardley 5-11-0 ...... –
636 342 TRIBAL DRUM (Mrs G McFerran) I Dudgeon 6-11-0 ...... R Linley
637 p00 CANE COTTAGE (Maj N Martin) N Mitchell 5-10-9 ...... B Powell
638 DOWNS MANDATE (C White) Mrs R Lomax 5-10-9 ...... A Carroll
639 0 FERRERO-KINDER) Food Brokers Ltd) P Cundell 5-10-9 ...... S Smith-Eccles

1984: Div I. Baz Bombee 6-11-5 M Perrett (7-2) S Mellor 14 ran. Div II. Sell Well 8-11-0 H Davies (6-1) D Barons 14 ran.

2 Ulan Bator, 3 Burannpour, 7-2 Moon Mariner, 5 Tribal Drum, 10 Celtic Flight, 14 Maujendor, Down Flight, 16 others.

FORM: ULAN BATOR (11-0) beat A Sure Row (11-8) 1½ l at Chepstow (2m 4f hdle, £1,969, soft, Dec 1). BURANNPOUR (11-10) 15l 3rd of 15 to Fining Party (11-8) at Kempton (2m Nov h'cap hdle, £2,379, good to soft, Dec 27), previously (11-0) ¾ l 2nd of 15 to Meister (11-5) over course and distance (£1,514, good to soft, Dec 7), with MASTER CONE (11-0) 3l away 4th, MOON MARINER (11-0) 1 ¾ l away 6th, and MAUJENDOR (11-0) 7 ½ 4th of 18 to Hunter River (10-11) at Towcester (2m hdle, £630, good to soft, Dec 15). LEVANT WAY (10-10) 1½ 2nd of 20 to Silent Surrender (10-6) at Wincanton (2m hdle, £679, good to soft, Dec 26), with CANE COTTAGE (10-5) 10th. MOON MARINER last time, (11-0) 1l 2nd of 29 to Fighter Pilot (11-0) at Chepstow (3m hdle, £1,480, soft, Dec 22), with CELTIC CAPRI (11-0) 13th and last to finish, and MAXI MOMENT (11-0) pulled up. TRIBAL DRUM (11-0) 1l 2nd of 20 to Sailor's Dance (11-0) at Worcester (2m hdle, £636, heavy, Dec 19), with MAUJENDOR (11-0) 10l away 3rd.
Selection: MOON MARINER.

Sheer Gold to play dual role

Toby Balding, the Weyhill trainer, finished 1984 on a high note with the emphatic victory of his newcomer, Sheer Gold, in Monday's Ramsbury Hurdle at Newbury. Balding has ambitious plans for this high-class staying filly, who will be aimed at the Waterford Crystal Stayers' Hurdle at Cheltenham and the Ascot Gold Cup.

Sheer Gold, the first racehorse owned by Mrs Pauline Harris, who recovered from a serious accident in the hunting field to see her filly win, was purchased out of Mick Connolly's Irish stable for 32,000 guineas. Sheer Gold ran second in the Irish Cesarewitch and in the Leopardstown November Handicap. Balding said: "I'll give her one more race before Cheltenham, and she'll certainly be entered for the Ascot Gold Cup."

The main race at Newbury, the Tote Mandarin Chase, was won in fine style by Maori Venture, who sprinted away on the run-in to beat Ardent Spy and Door Latch, the favourite. Trained by Andy Turnell, Maori Venture was following up a recent Lingfield Park win and will now be rested.

Josh Gifford, the trainer of Door Latch, had earlier won the Hungerford Handicap Chase with the 10-1 shot, Arabian Music, whose surprise victory caused a stewards' inquiry. The Findon trainer's explanation that the horse had missed a year with leg trouble was accepted.

However, explanations from John Jenkins, the trainer, after the 10-length win of Indiana Dare, backed from 14-1 down to 9-1, having been pulled up in his two previous runs this season, were "recorded" by the stewards. Jenkins said that a longer trip and blinkers for the first time this season suited his gelding.

Sula Bula booked himself a place in the Arkle Chase at the Cheltenham Festival meeting with an impressive 10-lengths victory from Dawn Diver at Catterick. John O'Neill, winning his first race over fences since his lay-off because of injury, had an armchair ride

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GOING: soft

12.45 HAYHILL NOVICES' HURDLE (4-y-o: £700: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 03 CAMIONNAGE E Carter 10-9 ...... M Pepper
2 000 COOL JAMIE (B) R Allan 10-9 ...... C Grant
4 02 MAJESTIC LAD M Lambert 10-9 ...... P A Charlton
5 00 MAJOR SIDE D Moorhead 10-9 ...... D Condell 7
6 PRIME STONE G Richards 10-9 ...... N Doughty

1984: No corresponding race.

6-4 Majestic Lad, 11-4 Camionnage, 7-2 Prime Stone, 8 Major Side, 12 Cool Jamie.

Ayr selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Prime Stone. 1.15 Grinders. 1.45 Keeley Kavalier. 2.15 Charles Duke. 2.45 Twelter.

By Michael Seely

1.15 Press Gang. 1.45 MARK EDELSON (nap).

1.15 McALPINE CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,380: 2m 4f) (6)

3 -1122 GRINDERS (CD) E Carter 7-11-7 ...... P A Charlton
5 -1113 ANOTHER CITY (BF) G Richards 6-10-12 ...... N Doughty
6 3333 SNOW BLESSED (CD) Denys Smith 8-10-12 ...... D Leadbitter 7
8 -3f14 PRESS GANG (CD) J Wilson 10-10-0 ...... Mr P J Dun
9 p-411 SUPER SOLO T Craig 9-10-0 (8 ex) ...... B Charlton
10 up/p2 POLARS SMARTIE (CD) R Goldie 14-10-0 ...... C Grant

1984: Mullenarry 12-11-7 M Dwyer (11-4) J FitzGerald 6 ran.

9-4 Another City, 3 Grinders, 4 Super Solo, 6 Snow Blessed, 8 Press Gang, 10 Polars Smartie.

1.45 AYR NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,626: 2m) (5)

1 4220- KEELEY KAVALIER (D) M Lambert 7-11-13 ...... P A Charlton
5 -1430 STARLIGHT ROCKY Miss Z Green 9-10-13 ...... J Goulding
6 31u0 PRIMROSE WOOD (D) G Richards 7-10-7 ...... N Doughty
7 1213 MARK EDELSON (CD) J Jefferson 8-10-6 ...... M Hill 7
12 100-0 BURGLARS WALK (D) Denys Smith 5-10-0 ...... D Leadbitter 7

1984: Sword Game 8-11-10 N Doughty (12-1) G Richards 6 ran.

7-4 Mark Edelson, 5-2 Keelby Kavalier, 7-2 Primrose Wood, 6 Starlight Rocky, 12 Burglars Walk.

2.15 BARLEITH NOVICES' CHASE (£1,238: 3m) (7)

1 -211p JOCKAMBEL (D) D Thomson 9-12-3 ...... –
6 0 BROCKHURST LAD Denys Smith 7-11-6 ...... C Grant
7 4-100 CHARLES DUKE G Richards 8-11-6 ...... D Coakley 4
8 030pf HUMBLEMOOR A Mactaggart 8-11-6 ...... M Dwyer
11 30-00 MEND IT N Bycroft 7-11-6 ...... P A Charlton
14 0-000 VICTORY MORN J Dixon 9-11-6 ...... B Storey
16 34-34 LILLIES BRIG C Alexander 7-11-0 ...... Mr A Dudgeon

1984: Young Ash Linn 8-10-12 A Brown (4-1) R McDonald 5 ran.

11-8 Jockambe, 3 Charles Duke, 9-2 Lillies Brig, 8 Mend It, 10 Brockhurst Lad, 16 others.

2.45 COYLTON NOVICES' HURDLE (£826: 2m 4f) (7)

3 0-102 PITCRUIVIE (D) G Richards 6-11-3 ...... N Doughty
AULD LANG SYNE (B) J Jefferson 5-10-9 ...... M Hill 7
7 0-0f BLACKADDER BRIG R McDonald 5-10-9 ...... A Stringer
11 -44f ROYAL LASER D Moorhead 5-10-9 ...... C Grant
13 00-12 TWELTER W A Stephenson 8-10-9 ...... Mr P J Dun
14 p WISHBONE WHISPER (B) J Wilson 5-10-9 ...... T G Dun
17 00-02 HEARTBREAK HOTEL Mrs B Butterworth 7-10-4 ...... Mrs B Butterworth

1984: Brother Geoffrey 5-11-13 D Wilkinson (7-4 fav) C Thornton 11 ran.

2 Twelter, 11-4 Heartbreak Hotel, 4 Pitcruivie, 5 Royal Laser, 10 Auld Lang Syne, 10 others.

3.0 HURLFORD NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (£1,683: 2m)

4 0-034 SWORD GAME W Fairgrieve 9-11-7 ...... T G Dun

Walks over.

TOWCESTER

GOING: soft

1.0 LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div I: £548; 2m 5f) (12 runners)

2 0041 CALMACUTTER C James 5-12-0 ...... –
3 3-21 CONSCRIPTION J Leigh 5-12-0 ...... –
4 -00pt SANDICLIFFE AGAIN (C) R Laing 6-12-0 ...... N Fearn 7
6 ALLEN LAD F Winter 5-11-4 ...... R Linley
8 003 BACKSTREET GUY N Henderson 5-11-4 ...... J White
9 pp COUNTRY CIRCUS J Gifford 5-11-4 ...... R Rowe
11 404 EXPERIMENTING D Thom 6-11-4 ...... Mr D Murphy 4
13 f NEMO KYBO R Champion 5-11-4 ...... P Double
16 ROYAL TOM C W Loggin 5-11-4 ...... –
17 5-002 ERICA SUPERBA (BF) P Bailey 5-10-13 ...... R Stronge
18 00-00 PIGLET S Christian 6-10-13 ...... W Newton 4
19 0000 SAUCY MOP P Taylor 5-10-13 ...... NON-RUNNER

1984: abandoned – snow on course

5-2 Backstreet Guy, 3 Conscription, 9-2 Allen Lad, 11-2 Experimenting, 7 Erica Superba, 12 Calmcutter, 16 others.

Towcester selections

By Mandarin

1.0 Backstreet Guy. 1.30 Clutterbuck. 2.0 Health N Happiness. 2.30 Tom Tailor. 3.0 Rib Law. 3.30 The Diplomat.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.30 Princess Henham.

1.30 WATERHALL NOVICES' CHASE (£939; 2m) (12)

2 0p-00 ASTROSYN C James 7-11-3 ...... –
3 40-pf BLACKBROOK STAR P Bevan 7-11-3 ...... –
4 2311- CLUTTERBUK F Winter 7-11-3 ...... J Duggan 4
5 p001 EXCLUDER P Harris 6-11-3 ...... R Stronge
6 00-pf FINNESKO (C) S Christian 7-11-3 ...... Mr T Thomson Jones
8 2-110 HY TAB Earl Jones 8-11-3 ...... J D Doyle 4
13 pp ROSY GLEAM H Manners 8-11-3 ...... Mr S Bush 4
17 0000 SLIP O'GRACE G King 9-11-3 ...... –
19 -20f0 THE ROYAL COMRIE J Webber 8-11-3 ...... –
20 14-22 WYFORD (BF) T Forster 8-11-3 ...... H Vies
21 8044/ BROWN VEIL R Armytage 10-10-12 ...... Miss G Armytage 7
24 00-0 MORE FUN D Nicholson 9-10-12 ...... G Newman

5-4 Clutterbuck, 6-4 Wyford, 8 The Royal Comrie, 12 More Fun, 16 Hy Tab, 20 others.

2.0 LONGWATER NOVICES' HURDLE (Div II: £548; 2m 5f) (15)

1 0-043 COLLAROY J Leigh 7-11-4 ...... –
2 op COOLARAP Miss L Bower 6-11-4 ...... R Rowell
5 0-204 HEALTH N HAPPINESS D Thom 6-11-4 ...... Mr D Murphy 4
6 p-00 KINSBOURNE LAD M Connell 5-11-4 ...... M Hammond
7 000 LEOPARDO J Gifford 5-11-4 ...... R Rowe
9 0030 LIGHT SENTENCE P Pritchard 7-11-4 ...... N Fearn 7
10 0000 LOLLYS PATCH P Harris 5-11-4 ...... R Stronge
12 -2284 PAULATIM N Henderson 5-11-4 ...... P Croucher 4
14 0/002 TEN BELOW Lady Herries 7-11-4 ...... M Kinane
16 00-20 THE DUISE K Bailey 7-11-4 ...... –
17 p-000 WIDE MISSOURI R Champion 5-11-4 ...... P Double
19 CHANELLE B Cambidge 5-10-13 ...... Mr J Cambidge 4
22 00-4 KITTY BUSKINS F Sheridan 7-10-13 ...... G Newman
23 p-p NITTY'S GIRL C Loggin 8-10-13 ...... –
24 PREMIER SUSAN S Christian 7-10-13 ...... –

9-4 Health N Happiness, 11-4 Paulatim, 4 The Duise, 6 Wide Missouri, 8 Leopardo, 10 Light Sentence, 16 others.

2.30 WELL TO DO CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£1,730; 3m) (5)

6 1112 TOM TAILOR (BF) R Armytage 8-11-8 (8 ex) ...... Mr M Armytage 7
7 42f2 ROYAL ADMIRAL (CD) T Forster 10-11-7 ...... H Davies
12 f-312 GOOD AS EVER (CD) G Kindersley 8-10-9 (8 ex) ...... A Webber
13 00/f-p BRIGHT BEACON T Forster 11-10-5 ...... –
14 04p6- VULRORY'S PIE (C) K White 8-10-2 ...... –

6-4 Good As Ever, 2 Tom Tailor, 3 Royal Admiral, 12 Bright Beacon, 16 Vulrory's Pie.

3.0 DEER PARK CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (£1,031; 2m 5f) 9)

3 /12-00 MOONSHOT (C) T Forster 11-11-7 ...... P Croucher
4 fup0 CROWNING MOMENT (B) I Wardle 10-11-1 ...... –
6 /0p-0 TOWER BRIDGE G Small 14-10-8 ...... –
8 4-410 DOLL LARS (D) T Bulgin 9-10-8 ...... –
9 00-f0 GOLD RACER I Dudgeon 8-10-5 ...... S McDonald
10 22-22 PLAYFIELDS P Burgoyne 11-10-4 ...... G Charles-Jones
11 00-33 SPARTIQUICK J Castle 8-10-3 ...... R Trevor-Jones
12 4303- TARA'S NEWS R Perkins 8-10-0 ...... P Rutland
13 2222 RIB LAW (B) Miss L Bower 11-10-0 ...... M Palmer

9-4 Playfields, 3 Moonshot, 9-2 Doll Lars, 6 Rib Law, 8 Gold Racer, 10 Crowning Moment, 16 others.

3.30 BROADWATER HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,007; 2m) (13)

4 1124 THE DIPLOMAT (CD) (BF) D Ringer 7-11-7 ...... S McNeill
6 4p04 UPPER NOTE (CD) M O'Halloran 7-11-5 ...... R Campbell 4
9 1001 STEEL VENTURE (B) (D) M Ryan 6-11-4 (7 ex) ...... J McLaughlin
14 0-002 PRINCESS HENHAM (D) N Callaghan 6-10-8 ...... Mr D Murphy 4
15 0pp-p TALLYRAND (D) A James 8-10-8 ...... –
16 /21-pb LONE RAIDER J Harris 8-10-8 ...... –
17 132/0 DAVIDOFF (D) S Avery 9-10-8 ...... –
18 4101 BATON MATCH (D) M Chapman 5-10-4 ...... P Liddle 7
23 3013/ STAN'S PET P Bevan 7-10-0 ...... –
24 0000- TWICE LUCKY (D) F Gibson 6-10-0 ...... Dale McKeown 7 25
42-00 PRINCE'S DRIVE (D) B Palling 7-10.0 ...... NON-RUNNER
27 fupp- ACHILLES P Pritchard 9-10-0 ...... read trainer Mrs J Croft
28 00/0-4 WARILY A Price 7-10-0 ...... –

2 The Diplomat, 3 Steel Venture, 9-2 Princess Henham, Baton Match, 8 Lone Raider, 10 Tallyrand, Stan's Pet, 16 others.

Cheltenham results

12.45 (3m 1f ch) 1, BALLYROSS (P Croucher, 7-2); 2, Glenfox (G Charles-Jones, 1-2 fav); 3, Galleon Beach (W Knox, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Roman Bistro (4th). 4 ran. NR: Broomy Bank. 6l, dist. 10l. T Forster at Wantage. TOTE: £3.00. DF: £1.70. CSF: £5.39.

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, WING AND A PRAYER (J Francome, 11-10 fav); 2, Freeflow (J Hansen, 4-1); 3, Pagan Sun (A Carroll, 85-40). ALSO RAN: 14 Prince Ramboro, 40 Miramac (6th), 65-1 Ballycrackers (4th), Basket Weaver (5th). 7 ran. NR: Winning Flush. 6l, 12l, 8l, 6l, 5l. J Jenkins at Epsom. TOTE: £2.40; £1.40, £1.60. DF: £2.60. CSF: £5.53.

1.55 (2m ch) 1, DESTINY BAY (S Smith Eccles, 2-5 fav); 2, Bucks Green (R Rowe, 4-1); 3, Rig Steel (S Morshead, 11-2). NR: The Reject. 3 ran. 25l, dist. N Henderson at Lambourn. TOTE: £1.40. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.12. Rig Steel remounted to finish.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, BRIGHT OASSIS (P Croucher, 5-1); 2, Dumper (J Francombe, 2-1); 3, Virgin Soldier (S Morshead, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 11-10 fav Far Bridge (4th). NR: Kathies Lad, Left Bank, Homeson. 4 ran. 3l, 12l, 2l. K Bailey at East Ilsley. TOTE: £4.40. DF: £4.80. CSF: £13.71.

3.05 (2m hdle) 1, TEN OF SPADES (G Charles Jones, 4-5 fav); 2, Deep Trouble (J Francombe, 7-2); 3, Arapaho Prince (S Morshead, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Periscope (5th), 9 Broken Rail (f), 20 Al Trui, 33 Simark (4th), Point Clear, Amorick (6th), 50 Branksome Towers, 100 Alangrove Sound, Jagatek. NR: Chipped Metal, Dixton, Odey Cottage, Turkaman. 12 ran. 8l, 25l, 8l, 12l, ¾l. S Mellor at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.20; £1.70, £1.10, £2.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £4.40.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, EMERALD WATSON (J Francome, 11-8 jt fav); 2, Deep Impression (K Mooney, 11-8 jt fav); 3, Aerialist (Mr A J Wilson, 28-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Star of a Gunner (6th), 16 Scottish Sevard (4th), 33 Yacare (5th), Dunvegan Castle, Waffy-Fryer, 50 Premier Susan, 100 Master Buckram (p/u). NR: Allen Lad, Firmanent, Buckfast Abbey, Horn of Plenty. 10 ran. 1½l, 15l, 15l, 8l, ¾l. F Winter at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.30; £1.30, £1.20, £2.40. DF: £2.20. CSF: 3.40. TOTE DOUBLE: £2.00. TREBLE: £36.40. JACKPOT: £731.40. PLACEPOT: £54.40.

Windsor

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, BIDDABLE (Peter Hobbs, 100-30 fav); 2, Topori (P Corrigan, 7-1); 3, Full Brigado (M Furlong, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Shirley Crepella (4th), 7 Top Gold (5th), 16 Linton Glen, 33 Shirister Miss (6th). 7 ran. NR: Cant Swim, Lille, Epryano, Los Dancer, Airborne Seal. 4l, 3l, 7l, ½l, dist. R J Hodges at Somerton. TOTE: £5.90; £3.10, £2.20. DF: £12.50. CSF: £14.07. Tricast: £36.13.

1.30 (2m 40yd chase) 1, BRIGHT MORNING (J Akehurst, 9-4); 2, Rock Saint (G Newman, 6-4 fav); 3, Jugader (A Webb, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 25 Tower Moss (4th), 50 Administrator (pu). 5 ran. 30l, 7l, dist. D M Grissell at Heathfield. TOTE: £2.80; £1.50, £1.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £5.57.

2.0 (2m 30yd hdle) 1, RA NOVA (R Dunwoody, 11-8 fav); 2, Janus (C Brown, 11-4); 3, Everseel (N Fearn, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 Brave Hussar (5th), 10 Rhythmic Pastimes (5th), 12 Mount Bolus (4th), 50 Sir Blessed (pu), Treve Way (pu). 8 ran. NR: Averon, Linton. 20l, 4l, 1½l, dist. head. Mrs N Kennedy at Lambourn. TOTE: £2.40; £1.30, £1.30, £1.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.59.

2.30 (3m 4f chase) 1, MANTON CASTLE (A Webber, 9-4); 2 Donegal Prince (J A Harris, 7-4); 3 Shady Deal (M Palmer, 8-1). ALSO RAN 5-2 Broomy Bank (4th), 20 Letterbox (P), 50 Poor Excuse (P). NR: Herr Capizan, Eggnog, Jacko. 2l, dist, 8l. R C Armytage at East Ilsley. Tote: £2.60; £1.60, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £6.44.

3.00 (2m chase) 1 ROMANA MIA (R Dunwoody, 5-2 fav); 2 Sir Kenwin (A Webber, 7-2); 3 Rebel Star (J Akehurst, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-4 Silva Linda (BD), 6 Vaigly Ral (F), 16 Matradee (5th), 20 Bic Roller (4th), Madam Butterfly (6th), 33 Shell Lane. 9 ran NR: Simon Bolivar, Manna Reef, Sundial, Trick Business. 2l, 12l, 25l, 2l, dist. Forster at Wantage. Tote: £3.00; £1.20, £1.30, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £12.00.

3.30 (2m 6f hdle) 1 CHELSEA MAID (R Dunwoody, 100-30); 2 High Heaven (G Moore, 20-1); 3 American Girl (M Hammond, 10-1); 4 Celtic Cracker (A Webber, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8fav Pelion, 12 Linton (5th), Prominetic Royalty Miss, 14 Mister Plott, Tell Us Another (PU), Wordel (6th), 20 Le Gran Brun, 25 Summercove (Pu), 33 Fading Dawn (PU), Day After (PU). On Trust, Tulimax, Party Miss, Le Levador, Gold Tycoon, Ballyseedy Hero, Bell Hop, 17 ran NR. Oregon Trail, Henon Air. 10l, 4l, 7½l, 8l, 3l. D R Laing at Lambourn. Tote £4.10; £1.20, £2.80, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £264.80. CSF: £73.33. Tricast: £598.51. Placepot: £6.90. Stewards inquiry result stands.

Leicester

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, ORYX MINOR (M Perrett, 4-1); 2, Sheraleen (G Bradley, 4-1); 3, Cruden Bay (P Carvill, 25-1). Also ran: 5-4 fav Cheeky Rupert (4th), 12 Polynor (6th), 14 The Governor, 20 Alcinous (pu), Mondaro Trophy, Prenupta Bride (5th), 25 Sultan Azman (pu). 33 Cedees (pu), Stay Sharp (pu), 50 Bishop's Royal (pu) The Krack, Wiggburn, Bishop Bray, Gifted Gift (pu), Hyperion Prince, Star Formula. 19 ran NR: Mill Brae. ½l, 3l, 1½l, 2½l. S Mellor, at Lambourn. TOTE: £4.30; 1.10, £2.30, £3.80. DF: £12.80. CSF. £21.24.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, NOHALMDUN (J J O'Neill, 5-2); 2, Against the Grain (P Scudamore, (11-8 fav); 3, Shepherd's Hymn (G Williams, 20-1). Also ran: 6 Humberside Lady (4th), 9 Inset Lady (6th), 12 Mariners Dream (5th), 16 Malakand, 25 Batu, Qualitair Princess (pu), Soltano (pu), 50 Poetic Justice (pu). NR: Bassett Boy, Folkland Magic. 11 ran. ¾l, 1l, 5l, 2½l, 3l. M H Easterby, at Great Habton. TOTE: £3.40; £1.20, £1.30, £2.30. DF: £2.30. CSF: £6.56.

1.45 (3m ch) DERYCAN (Mr T Thomson Jones, 9-2); 2, The Last Prince (J J O'Neill, 7-4 fav); 3, Macoliver (J H Davies, 4-1). Also ran: 11-4 Upham Kelly (f). 14 Hawkridge (pu) 66 Danilou (4th), Lazy Boots (5th), Rusty Rifle (f). 8 ran. NR: Geata An Uisce, Chalford Hill, Goldspun, Hopeful Saint, Omnipotent, El Scarsdale, Lady Herries & Littlehampton. TOTE: £4.70; £1.10, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £11.95.

2.15 (2m ch) 1, POSTDYNE P Carvill, 3-1); 2, Sheragain (H Davies, 7-4 fav); 3, Palestinets (P Scudamore, 11-4). Also ran 5 Rockfield Boy (4th), 16 Molon Lave (P/U), Deep Moppet, Spanish Battleship. 5 ran. NR: Johns Present. 1½l, 1l, 5, 10l. W Mann at Leamington Spa. Tote: £2.80, £1.20, £1.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £8.22.

2.45 (3m hdle) 1, KEVIN EVANS (M Bowlby, 5-2); 2, Oregon Trail Mr T Thomson Jones, 15-8 fav); 3, Le Sartheis (J J O'Neill, 12-1). Also ran: 11-2 Ankus (PU), 9 Japalik (6th), 12 Noble Patrol (4th), 14 Shirley Grove, 25 High Ridge (5th). 8 ran. NR: Somey, Mac's Treasure, Le Levador, 2l, 15l, 5l, 8l, 12l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.00, £1.60, £1.60, £2.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £7.28. Tricast: £39.54.

3.15 (2m hdle): 1, TAWRIDGE (Steve Knight, 15-8 fav); 2, Azlano (P Scudamore, 25-1); 3, Fre A Dealer (M Bowlby, 9-2). Also ran: 7-2 Nice One Andy (5th), 8 The Tarlahs, 9 Mabeski, 14 Abouzhabum (6th), 25 Sheldan, Time-Bee (4th), 33 Ascenbar, Fieldom, Oryx Major, Ruby And Sapphire (f), Royal Condor (P/U), Tiresome (P/U), Video Lad, My Daisy, Surprise Attack, Mischievous Jack. NR: Dixton House, Foresters Lad, Highwood, Norfolk Flight. 17 ran. 2l, 2½l, 4l, ¾l, 3l. A Turnell, Marlborough. Tote win: £4.20. Places: £1.90, £5.60, £3.00. DF: £48.50. CSF: £45.95. Placepot: £5.65.

Catterick

12.45 (2m ch) 1, SOMERLED (A Stringer, 4-5 fav); 2, Jimmy Chips (P A Farrell, 5-2); 3, Mick's Ritual (R O'Leary, 7-2). NR: Drum Rullagh, Abbey Avenue, Starlight Lad. 3 ran. 12l, 4l. R McDonald at Duns. TOTE: £1.30. DF: £1.50. CSF: £2.74.

1.15 (2m hdle) 1, GAME ROCKET (M Hindley, 10-1); 2, Solar Light (C Smith, 4-1); 3, Richards Bay (T G Dun, 5-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Woodpecker Boy, 6 Barnstyra, 10 Fashion Lover (4th), Kuwait Taxi, 16 Miss Bella, Tufted Locks, 25 Mahogany Hall (5th), Pemelia (6th), Palletas, Heavenly Princess, Icacos Bay. NR: Heckley Henry, It's Heaven, Socher, Cross Farm Boy, Mohar, Torald. 14 ran. 1l, 15l, 6l, 12l, 1l. Hbt Jones at Malton. TOTE: £17.50; £5.00, £1.60, £1.40. DF: £36.40. CSF: £51.02. No bid.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, LAST DEAL (R Earnshaw, evens fav); 2, Unscrupulous Judge (T G Dun, 4-1); 3, Door Step (R O'Leary, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Jetharts Here (f), 16 Solo Sam (4th), 20 Sir Wimpy (pu). 6 ran. NR: Book of Kells, Strawhill. 12l, 12l, dist. Mrs M Dickinson at Harewood. TOTE: £1.70; £1.30, £2.20. DF: £3.50. CSF: £5.54.

2.15 (3m hdle) 1, CRAMMOND BRIG (M Hindley, 9-2); 2, Sinbad (M Williams, 3-1 fav); 3, Merecas Bay (R Earnshaw, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Mountaineer (5th), 5 Sunset Surprise (pu), 13-2 Blue Tarquin (4th), 8 Joe's Fancy (pu), 10 Worthy Heiress, Shackle Pin (6th), 14 Wil-Tor (pu), 25 Demon King, 33 Conway Grove (pu). 12 ran. NR: Run in Turns, Helshaw Grange. (10l, 3l, 3, 10l, 15l M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. TOTE: £4.40; £1.40, £2.30, £5.40. DF: £12.20. CSF £20.79. TRICAST: £250.61.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, LITTLE MIDGE (Mr M Sowerby, 33-1); 2, Misty Spirit (A Stringer, 12-1); 3, Ballyvedi (C Smith, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-6 fav Scarlet Terror (ur), 7-2 Black Combe (pu), 12 Minnie Burgh (pu), Mighty Run (f), 20 Mendeltta (4th), 33 Impage (pu), Kingsley House (f), Marabou (pu). 11 ran. NR: Carpenters Way, Gamewood, Wold Walk Mrs A Tomlinson at Pocklington, Nr York. TOTE: £40.30; £4.00, £2.20, £1.50. DF: Winner or second with any other horse £4.80. CSF £357.68.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, SWINGIT GUNNER (C Grant, 7-2); 2, Matabele (J O'Gorman, 5-4 fav); 3, Merchant Fruiterer (T Wall, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Burnanroch House, 16 Little Mittens (5th), Mains Brig, 20 Balmeri (6th), 25 General Lee (4th), 33 Hollin Bern (pu), Mandrake Honey, Miss Woody. NR: Even Deeper, Fudge Delight, Highwood, Rhymaround. 11 ran. 2½l, 25l, 1½l, hd. 8 Denys Smith at Bishop Auckland. TOTE: £4.70; £1.40, £1.40, £2.10. DF: £3.80. CSF £8.94. PLACEPOT: £413.30.

Carlisle

12.45 1, Polly's Pal (Mr C Storey, 5-2); 2, Troiena (13-8 fav); 3, Stand Back (7-4). 10l, 7l. 4 ran. S Payne. TOTE: £2.70. DF: £2.70. CSF: £6.41.

1.15 (3m 100yd hdle) 1, Beeton Boy (S Keightley, 25-1); 2, Santago (13-8 fav); 3, Tom Noel (11-2). 12l, 12l. 9 ran. R Woodhouse. TOTE: £12.50; £3.10, £2.20. DF: £19.20. CSF: £51.81.

1.45 (3m ch) 1, Mr Sweetit (P Tuck, 9-4 fav); 2, Preben Fur (7-2); 3, Holborn Head (9-2). 8l, 1½l. 7 ran. NR: Chetal. M W Easterby. TOTE: £3.20; £2.20; £1.60. DF: £4.40. CSF: £9.68.

2.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Strands Of Gold (M Dwyer, 13-8 fav); 2, Roman Dusk (3-1); 3, Teenage Love (8-1). 3l 10l. 15 ran. NR: gold Lame, Twelter, Little Mittens, J FitzGerald. TOTE: £3.30; £1.70, £2.50, £5.00. DF: £7.70. CSF: £8.14.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Mingo (Mr J Walton, 12-1); 2, Secondary Image (9-4); 3, Hazy Day (25-1). Brother Geoffrey 2-1 fav. 3l, 2l. 11 ran. NR: Scarlet Terror, Mansforth Queen. J Aynsley. TOTE: £15.40; £3.10, £1.60, £5.90. DF: £29.00. CSF: £38.12.

3.15 (2m 330yd hdle) 1, Mellugan (A Brown, 7-2 jt fav); 2, Holly Buoy (4-1); 3, Secret Lake (8-1). Wold Rat 7-2 jt fav. 2l, 1½l. 9 ran. TOTE £2.20; £1.20, £2.20, £1.70. DF: £6.30. CSF: £17.15.

Placepot: £74.05.

Devon

1.0 (2m 1f ch) 1, Gesselek P Murphy, (5-2); 2 Bickleigh Bridge (9-2); 3, Pitham (12-1). Hever 9-4 fav. Hd, 1l. 8 ran. NR: The County Stone. J Old. TOTE: £2.60; £1.40, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £7.90. CSF: £13.48.

1.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Thunder Rock (R Goldstein, 14-1); 2, Archie's Nephew (7-2); 3, Carado (11-2). Woodway 2-1 fav. 2½l, 15l. 14 ran. NR: Ferndale Lad, Quiet Country, Monsoon and Refdish. A Davison. TOTE: £13.20; £3.20, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £33.30. CSF: £65.81.

2.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Cats Eyes P Leach, (8-4 fav); 2, Wrest (9-1); 3, Halsdon's Flair (33-1). 12l, 10l. 15 ran. NR: Horn of Plenty, Foresters Lad, Royal Condor. M Pipe. TOTE: £2.80; £2.10, £2.60, £24.60. DF: £19.00. CSF: £19.30. Tricast: £353.32.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Fort Courage (L Bloomfield, 6-1); 2, Quinver (5-2 fav); 3, Bargill (6-1). ¾l, 6l. 13 ran. NRs: Arctic Mariner, Omnipotent. T Hallett. TOTE: £9.30; £1.90, £1.90, £1.10. DF: £8.60. CSF: £19.86.

3.0 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Rainbow Lady (P Leach, 1-2 fav); 2, Esker House (13-2); 3, Irish Williams (14-1). 12l, dist. 8 ran. NRs: Solar Light, Corragany, Calico Girl, Slour Princess, Valiant Dancer. M Pipe. TOTE: £1.70; £1.10, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.00.

3.30 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Gold Tycoon (Mr S Sherwood, 7-4 fav); 2, My Brip (33-1); 3, Ballyseedy Hero (20-1); 4, Fionnadoir (7-1). 5l, ¾l. 16 ran. NRs: Molon Lave, Tijuca. J Spearing. TOTE: £2.90; £1.50, £3.70, £2.60, £1.70. DF: £108.60. CSF: £67.91. Tricast: £837.51.

Placepot: £21.00.

● Last Deal shook off top weight of 12st to land the Zetland Handicap Chase at Catterick yesterday, 12 lengths from Unscrupulous Judge. Robert Earnshaw, the rider, said: "Last Deal is still only learning." The winner, who hit the front at the fourteenth, is related to Arkle and is now unbeaten in his last three hurdle races and five chases.

Results from three meetings on Monday

Newbury

12.30 (3m hdle) 1, Indiana Dare (H Jenkins, 9-1); 2, Ever Great (9-1); 3, Champagne Charlie (10-1). Le Levador 85-40 fav. 10l, 2l. 13 ran. J Jenkins. TOTE: £16.30; £3.70, £2.10, £1.60. DF: £58.50. CSF: £80.31. Tricast £755.84.

1.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Arabian Music (R Rowe, 10-1); 2, Wil Boreen 3, Co Member (5-2 fav). 1½, 7l, 9 ran. J Gifford. TOTE: £11.30; £2.50, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £18.40. CSF: £46.81.

1.30 (3m 2f 82yd ch) 1, Maori Venture (Steve Knight, 4-1); 2 Ardent Spy (4-1); 3, Door Latch (13-8 fav). 2½l, nk. 5 ran. A Turnell. TOTE: £4.40; £3.00, £1.70. DF: £8.10. CSF: £16.71.

2.0 (2m 4f 120 yd hdle) 1 Sheer Gold (B Reilly, 6-1); 2, Nassau Royale (8-1 jt-fav); 3, Gallant Buck (14-1). Meister 3-1 jt-fav. ½l, sh hd. 11 ran. G Balding. TOTE: £6.30; £2.10, £1.90. DF: £8.10. CSF: £24.33.

2.30 (2m 160yd ch) 1, Mr Moonraker (B Powell, 6-1); 2, Admiral's Cup (5-1); 3 Hazy Sunset (7-2), Very Promising 6-4 fav. 7l, 15l. 6 ran. L Kennard. TOTE: £5.70; £2.10, £2.30. DF: £21.30 CSF: £31.98.

3.0 1, Highland Clipper (R Dunwoody, 5-1); 2, Clara Mountain (5-4 fav) 3, Punters Lad (16-1). 10l, ½l. 12 ran. NR: Chalet Waldegg. M Salaman. TOTE: £5.50; £1.60, £1.50, £4.80. DF: £5.70. CSF: £11.57. Tricast £87.18. Tote double: £112.85. Treble: £9.85 (paid on 1st leg). Placepot £790.40. Jackpot not won.

Leicester

1.0 (2m hdle) 1, Mr Menacing (F Leavy, 11-2); 2, Hardwick Amber (15-8 fav); 3, Solar Light (4-1). 3l, 7l. 11 ran. NR: Great Line. J Jenkins. TOTE: £4.90; £1.80, £1.50 £1.50. DF: £6.60. CSF: £14.02.

1.30 (2m hdle) 1, French Captain (M Kinane, 7-2); 2, Gods Image (5-2 fav); 3, Diddelo (15-2). ½l, 2½l. 12 ran. Lady Herries. TOTE: £4.80; £1.90, £1.20, £3.80. DF: £3.80. CSF: £11.94. Tricast: £53.65.

2.0 (3m ch) Royscript (P Warner, 7-2); 2, Wise Words (12-1); 3, My Major (50-1). Golden Minstrel 15-8 fav. 8l, 12l. 12 ran. J Chugg. TOTE: £4.80; £1.80, £1.40, £9.10. DF: £18.40. CSF: £37.68.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Direct Line (R O'Leary, 4-6 fav); 2, Royal Norman (14-1); 3, Galileo (13-2). 10l, 3l. 4 ran. J Fitzgerald. TOTE: £1.40. DF: £4.20. CSF: £5.83.

3.0 (2m ch) 1, Mister Skip (G McCourt, 15-8 fav); 2, Shannie (10-1); 3, Rubercole (5-2). 10l, 2l. 5 ran. J Webber. TOTE: £2.40; £1.50, £2.00. DF: £21.80. CSF: £15.33.

3.30 1, Dixton House (M Williams, 4-1); Scotsman Ice (4-5 fav); Deep Echo (9-2). ½l, 1½l. 12 ran. NR: Bonny Rymer, Highwood. M Scudamore. TOTE: £6.00; £1.70, £1.00, £2.10. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.17. Placepot: £9.95.

Catterick

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, Charlotte's Dance (A Brown, 11-10 fav); 2, Skeelings (33-1); 3, Keycorn (5-2). 8l, 20. 16 ran. M H Easterby. TOTE: £2.10; £1.10, £35.90, £1.10. DF: £267.30. CSF: £46.65.

1.15 (2m ch) 1, Mr Pongee (B Storey, 7-4 jt-fav); 2, Royal Bishop (5-1); 3, Reay's Song (7-4 jt-fav). 30l, 12l. 8 ran. F Storey. TOTE: £3.00; £1.50, £1.30, £1.10. DF: £12.70. CSF: £11.50.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, Comedy Fair (A Brown, 7-1); 2, High Old Time (14-1); 3, San Fermin (8-1); 4, Tot (5-1). Emendar 9-4 fav. 7l, 2l. 17 ran. M H Easterby. TOTE: £8.70; £2.50, £2.60, £2.90, £1.70. DF: £79.50. CSF: £110.42. Tricast: £770.57.

2.15 (3m 300yd ch) 1, Carpenter's Way (C Grant, 2-1); 2, Strawhill (11-8 fav); 3, Walthar (14-1). 1½l, 12l. 7 ran. Denys Smith. TOTE: £2.50; £1.70, £1.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £5.10.

2.45 (2m ch) 1, Sula Bula (J J O'Neill, 4-11 fav); 2, Dawn River (7-1); 3, Hardy Ranch (33-1). 10l, 15l. 12 ran. M H Easterby. TOTE: £1.40; £1.10, £1.60, £4.60. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.12.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Ambler Heights (C Grant, 5-1); 2, Luxury (7-1); 3, Starshot (17-2). 5-4 fav. 8l, 10l. 15 ran. Denys Smith. TOTE: £7.80; £2.20, £2.80, £2.20. DF: £14.10. CSF: £42.70.

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BIRTHS

BELLUM – 26th December to Laura (née Swale) and Raymond a daughter Holly Rose Camilla.

BOYCE.–On 24th December, at Victoria Maternity Hospital, Barnet, to Magdalena and Terry–a son (Jan Christopher).

DU BOULAY. – On December 28th, at St Thomas's Hospital to Katharine (née Arnell) and Robin, a son Michael Henry Housemayne, a half brother for James.

DUNWOODY. – On 28th December, at West London Hospital, to Penni (née Austin) and David, a son (Richard David).

EMO CAPODILISTA. – On 26th December at the Lindo Wing, St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Christiane and Giorgio – a daughter, sister for Rufina and Alvise Luca.

GALE – On Christmas Day to Sally (née Wakelin) and Timothy, a daughter Katherine Ruth Romey.

HENNIKER.–On 30th December, 1984, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Bernadette (née Ball) and Christopher–a son (Charles Edwin Major).

LOVELL SMITH. – On December 30th, at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton, to Odeyne and Anthony – a daughter.

GOLDEN WEDDING

ABURROW : RIGHTON. On 2 January, 1935, at St Mary's Church, South Hayling Island, Francis Leslie to Eileen Marjorie. Present address: 50 Western Elms Avenue, Reading.

DEATHS

ANDREW. – On 28th December peacefully after a long illness at 95 Bridge Lane, NW11, James Oliphant, aged 72, beloved husband of Margot and father of Susan and Catherine, grand father of Clare. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium (East Chapel), on Thursday 3rd January at 12.20pm. Donations in lieu of flowers to The North London Hospice Group, 76a Wilton Road, London, N10 1LT.

BENNETT. – On 28th December very peacefully Sister Eleanora M. Bennett religious of The Sacred Heart, aged 93. Requiem Mass on Friday, January 4th, at 11am at The Convent Chapel, Digby Stuart College, Roehampton Lane, London SW15.

CROMPTON, IVY.–On December 30th, 1984, peacefully, at Tavern Cottage, aged 99 years, after a long and happy life. Donations to Oxfam. Funeral service Church of the Holy Cross, Sherston, 2.30 p.m. Monday, January 7th.

GIBB – On 29th December at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford Beryl Elizabeth, truly beloved wife of Robert, darling mother of Pamela and Sally and adored G of Jonathan, Peter, Tom, Eleanor, William and Henry. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley, Surrey, on Friday, 4th January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to her favourite charity N.S.P.C.C. c/o Triggs Turner High Street, Guildford.

HENDRY. – On 24th December, Ian Hendry, husband of Sandy and father of Sally, Corrie and Emma. Funeral at Golders Green Crematorium (west chapel), on Thursday, January 3rd, at 2pm.

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MILLER – Harold. On December 29th, at Royal Free Hospital. Beloved husband of Ethel and father of Pauline and Marian. Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, Wednesday, 2nd January. Phone 01-209 0744.

PIERRE. – On December 28th, at Bray, Sir Joseph Henry, of Trinidad and Tobago MBBS, FRCS(Eng) FRCS(Edin), husband of Marjorie, father of Charles, adopted father of Richard. Requiem mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Cookham Road, Maidenhead, at 10.45am, on Friday 4th January, followed by cremation at Wrexham crematorium, Slough. Family flowers only donations, if desired, to St Bartholomews Hospital, London, Project 84.

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WHITEMAN, JOAN. – On Friday, 21st December, at home in Whitstable. Requiem Mass at the Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Whitstable on the 4th January at 2 pm. No flowers please. Donations to the R.N.L.I.

WILLIAMSON, WILLIAM CORBETT, M.C., R.M.L.I.–Peacefully, on 24th December, 1984, at Springfield Rest Home, Malvern Link, Worcs, aged 87. Funeral strictly private. "Per mare et per terram".

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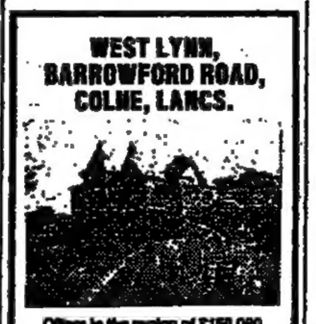

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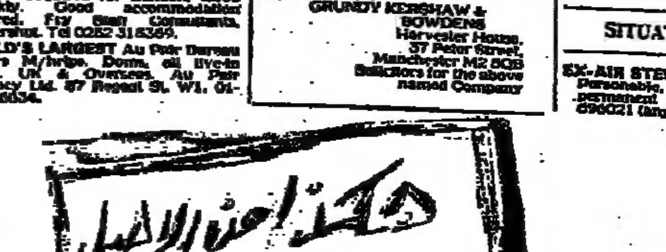

Today's television and radio programmes

Summaries by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.15 and 8.15. Plus teenager Zoe Brown's Look of 85.
9.00 Charlie Brown. Cartoon series (r). 9.25 The Perils of Penelope Pitstop (r). 9.45 Why Don't You ...? Ideas for bored youngsters. 10.10 Jackanory. Jan Francis reads part three of Peter Pan (r). 10.25 Paddington Takes a Snip (r).
10.30 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan (r). 10.50 King Rollo (r). 10.55 Bric-a-Brac, presented by Brian Cant (r). 11.05 Cartoon. The Little Mole, made by MGM.
11.15 Bonanza. Ben receives a surprise in the form of a writ from a disgruntled, jilted suitor who claims that Ben stole his future bride (r). 12.05 Wait Till Your Father Gets Home. A Hanna-Barbera cartoon.
12.30 Midday News with Richard Whitmore. The weather details come from Ian McCaskill. 12.47 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
12.50 Racing from Cheltenham. Julian Wilson introduces the Foodbrokers Armour Confectionery Novices' Steeplechase (1.05); the Foodbrokers Ferrero Rocher Hurdle (1.40); the Foodbrokers Happy New Year Handicap Steeplechase (2.15); and the Fairford Handicap Steeplechase (2.50).
3.05 The Mole Comes to Town. A Czechoslovak-made cartoon. 3.35 Cartoons. Tweety Pie and I Saw a Puddy Tat. 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 Play School, presented by Stuart McGugan. 4.10 The Puppy's New Adventures. The first of a new cartoon series.
4.30 Jackanory. Martin Jarvis reads Richmal Crompton's William and the Snowman. 4.45 Captain Caveman. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Eureka!, presented by Sarah Greene and Paul McDowell (r).
5.30 The Good Life. Comedy series (r). 5.58 Weather.
6.00 News with Nicholas Witchell and Jeremy Paxman.
6.30 London Plus.
6.55 Cartoon. Tom and Jerry.
7.00 The Galactic Garden. A science fiction adventure set among the creatures and plants of a garden. Starring Andrew Sachs and Sarah Neville (Ceefax).
8.00 Dallas. More dramas among the oil-rich folk of Southfork among them Miss Ellie, this week with her past catching up with her, forcing her to choose between Clayton and Jock (Ceefax).
8.45 Points of View. Barry Took with a selection of viewers' letters to the BBC.
9.00 News with Julia Somerville.
9.25 Wynne and Penkovsky. Part one of three-episode drama to be shown on consecutive nights, about the businessman/spy Greville Wynne, who was discovered by the Russians, imprisoned, tortured and eventually released in exchange for Gordon Lonsdale in 1964. Starring David Calder (Ceefax).
10.20 Film: On the Waterfront* (1954) starring Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint and Karl Malden. A tough, award-winning drama about union corruption set against the background of New York's dockland where only the toughest survive. Directed by Elia Kazan.
12.05 Weather.

TV-am

6.15 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; guests, from 6.45, Stephanie Lawrence and Bill Sirs; exercises at 6.50 and 8.50; d-i-y advice at 7.15; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; pop video at 7.54; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.40; Roland Rat at 9.02.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Thames News headlines followed by Sesame Street.
10.25 Film: Wonder Man (1945) starring Danny Kaye and Virginia Mayo. Comedy with Kaye playing twin brothers – one a dryasdust academic, the other a larger than life cabaret comedian. Directed by Bruce Humberstone.
12.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy with the musical story of The Lost Note. 12.10 Our Backyard where Peter is having trouble with a leaky tap. 12.30 Mr and Mrs. Quiz game, introduced by Derek Batey, in which married couples reveal how much or how little they know about their respective spouse.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames News from Robin Houston. 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback. 2.30 On the Market. Susan Brookes and Trevor Hyett with news of the best buys in the food markets.
3.00 Gems. Part one of a new serial set in the Covent Garden workshops of a fashion company. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. More torrid goings-on among the wealthy Australian families, the Palmers and the Hamiltons.
4.00 Rod, Jane and Freddy. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Cartoon Time. Speedy Ghost to Town (r). 4.20 Razzmatazz. Pop music, games, quizzes and interviews, presented by Alastair Pirrie and Zoe Brown. 4.45 The Book Tower. The first of a new series, presented by Neil Innes. His first guest is nonagenarian authoress Lucy Boston (Oracle).
5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz for teenagers.
5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news.
6.35 Crossroads. Edna is at last deserted by her daughter Gloria Tilling.
7.00 Wish You Were Here ...? The first of a new series finds Judith Chalmers sampling the delights of St Lucia in the Caribbean; Chris Kelly in the Canaries; and Ted Moult on a coach tour of the Scottish Highlands.
7.30 Coronation Street. The name of the new landlord of the Rovers' is announced (Oracle).
8.00 The Benny Hill Show. The versatile comedian in another series of fast-moving sketches.
9.00 The Greatest Paper in the World! Anthony Quayle is the narrator for this warts and all documentary about the 200 year history of The Times. Written by Robert Fleming and the Literary Editor of The Times, Philip Howard, the programme includes contributions – critical and otherwise – from, among others, Harold Evans, Edward Heath, Bernard Levin and Rupert Murdoch, the owner of the newspaper (see Choice).
10.00 News At Ten followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 Film: Gallipoli (1981) starring Mel Gibson and Mark Lee. Dramatic story of the Anzac troops' role in the Dardanelles campaign in the First World War, and in particular of two young athletes, under age to join their fellow countrymen, but determined to enlist all the same. Directed by Peter Weir.
12.35 Night Thoughts.

The Greatest Paper in the World! ITV, 9.00pm

CHOICE

● True, a *Times* man had a hand in writing it, and *The Times* opened its doors, and its heart, to the team from Thames Television that made it. But, whatever advance *misgivings you might have had* about THE GREATEST PAPER IN THE WORLD! (ITV, 9.00pm) being a spectacular PR job for this newspaper in its bicentenary year, should start draining away as you listen to the unflattering verdicts from parliamentary, ecclesiastical and academic circles with which Robert Fleming's documentary opens. "It doesn't thunder any more" .... "If I see mis-prints about something I understand to be a mis-print, think of the things that are mis-printed that I don't understand" .... "I think it's gone trivial". And there is more, in the same vein. Not only from independent witnesses, either. The narrator talks of Rupert Murdoch's having "tarted up the old lady of Printing House Square, popularised her and dragged her, whimpering, into the 1980s." And there is even some sporadic shooting from within Printing House Square itself. For example: "I wonder whether we have the intellectual leadership that I think the paper must have."

By now, you will probably be thinking that *The Greatest Paper in the World!* ought to have a question-mark after the title, instead of an exclamation mark. And, to be perfectly honest, nobody in the film actually says that this is what the paper *is*. It *was* the greatest in 1917, says a former executive, who joined the paper in that year. And Mr Murdoch himself says he hopes it is *going* to be the greatest. The omens, certainly are favourable. The paper is losing less money. Circulation is up by a third. The body *that was about to be buried a few* years ago (Mr Fleming's film deals in masterly fashion with the 11-month shutdown and its consequences), is now leaping about in a sprightly fashion. There will, I suspect, be more than one journalist working for *The Times* who will say Hear! Hear! as they listen to Robert Fisk, this newspaper's much-honoured correspondent in perilous Lebanon, say: "For all I know, Rupert Murdoch may have cloven hooves. But he is bringing my paper out every night, and I am a journalist, and that's what I want".

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
1.55 Harold Lloyd in Somewhere in Turkey* in which, as Professor O. B. Lively, Lloyd finds himself in the clutches of a wicked Turkish sultan.
2.05 Holiday Time for children, presented by Vicky Ireland.
2.50 Cartoon Two. Nebule, made by the National Film Board of Canada.
3.00 Film: Road to Bali (1952) starring Bob Hope, Bing Crosby and Dorothy Lamour. Bob and Bing play two unsuccessful song and dance men, on the run from an irate father in Australia, who meet treasure-seeking Dorothy on the tropical island of Bali. Directed by Hal Walker.
4.30 Telly Quiz presented by Jerry Stevens.
5.00 The Royal Institution's Christmas Lectures. The Spice of Life is the title of Dr Walter Bodmer's second lecture in his series on The Message of the Genes.
6.00 The High Chaparral. Western adventures starring Leif Ericson and Cameron Mitchell (r).
6.50 International Snooker. Part one of a two-programme review of the 1984 Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship, held at the Crucible, Sheffield, last spring. Introduced by David Vine.
8.00 The Lambeth Boys. Twenty-five years ago a group of young "teddy boys" were the subject of an award-winning documentary made by Karel Reisz, We are the Lambeth Boys. Tonight's first programme in a three-part series features the 1959 documentary. In the other two films, we learn how life turned out for the Lambeth boys, and for the girls who shared their teenage years at the same club.
9.00 Film: The Turning Point (1977) starring Shirley MacLaine, Anne Bancroft, Leslie Browne and Mikhail Baryshnikov. The first showing on British television of this tale of rivalry in the world of ballet. Emma, star of the American Ballet Theatre, feels threatened when the daughter of one of her contemporaries joins the company. When the young girl looks set to take over the leading roles, old sores erupt between the girl's mother and Emma. Directed by Herbert Ross.
10.55 The 20th Century Remembered. In the first of two programmes Dora Russell, second wife of Bertrand Russell, talks to Sally Hardcastle about her life from the time of the end of the First World War when she graduated from Oxford, travelled to the United States, Russia and China and lived openly with Russell before they were married. Ends at 11.30.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 Film: The Magic Box (1951) starring Robert Donat as the British film pioneer, William Friese-Green, who abandoned a comfortable and successful living as a portrait photographer to concentrate on the development of a camera capable of taking moving pictures. Directed by John Boulting.
4.30 Film: Parade (1974) starring Jacques Tati. The master comedian's last film, originally made for Swedish television but later transferred to film from videotape. Tati appears as a ringmaster in a small Swedish circus and recreates most of his famous mimes.
5.45 Setbacks. The third of four programmes dramatically illustrating the problems that may be encountered by the out-of-work. In today's programme Barry learns more about the Youth Training Scheme (r).
6.00 The Last Cathedral. Part two of the three-programme documentary about Harlem's St John's Cathedral which after years of inactivity in its construction is now being completed with the help of British craftsmen. Today's film pictures the cathedral from the point of view of the Harlem residents and includes moving black Gospel music.
6.30 The Making of Treasure Hunt. With the third series of the popular programme beginning tomorrow the cameras went behind the scenes to watch the programme being put together.
7.00 Channel Four News and weather.
7.30 The Optimist. Tonight our hero finds himself lumbered with a stolen diamond and dancing the White Swan pas-de-deux on stage in front of an audience. With Enn Reitel, Karen Smith and members of the London City Ballet.
8.00 On Your Way, Riley! by Alan Plater. Brian Murphy and Maureen Lipman star as Arthur Lucan and Kitty McShane, in the acclaimed play, first staged at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East in 1982 about Old Mother Riley and her daughter Kitty. The play is about the celebrated double act's public and personal life which, as the partnership drew to an end was equally acrimonious in both fields. Directed by John Glenister
9.00 A Woman of Substance. The first of a three-part adaptation of Barbara Taylor Bradford's novel about the rise of a Yorkshire kitchen maid to become one of the most powerful women in the world. Starring Jenny Seagrove, Deborah Kerr and John Mills.
10.55 GI Brides. A documentary, shot entirely in the United States, about the 70,000 British war brides who left this country in 1946 to be married or to join their American husbands in the United States (r).
12.10 Closedown.

Radio 4

On long wave. † stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping. 6.00 News Briefing; Weather. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Far away and Long Ago. "A History of My Early Life" by W. H. Hudson (3). Read by Ian Holm. 8.57 Weather. Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves.†
10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' postbag.
10.30 Morning Story. "A Matter of Attitude" by Lisa Taylor. Read by Sandra Clark.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM page 17).†
11.00 News; Travel. You the Jury. The motion is: This Government is not actively fighting the present level of unemployment. The motion is proposed by John Prescott MP, and opposed by Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP. The chairman, Dick Taverne (r).
11.48 Mighty Myths. Derek Robinson challenges more beliefs we take for granted.
12.00 News: You and Yours. International Consumer Quiz (the final).
12.27 Wild Horses by Jon Beer. With Richard Vernon. A comedy (r).† 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News. Woman's Hour. Includes an interview with Tony O'Reilly, president and chief executive of the Heinz Corporation, and former Irish Rugby international. And there is episode 3 of Flush, by Virginia Woolf, read by Penelope Keith.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Ties of Loyalty, by Melville Jones. Starring Hugh Burden as the English master at a minor public school who finds himself the leader of a counter-revolution by the old boys who admire what he stands for. With Zia Mohyeddin and Neil Stacy.
3.47 *Time for Verse.* Seven programmes in which Norman MacCaig presents his personal choice of poetry. 1. Love
4.00 News. Choirs in conversation. Ian Bradley visits Salt Lake City, Utah, to meet some of the 330 members of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.
4.40 Story Time: Just So Stories by Kipling. 3. How the Leopard got his Spots. Read by David Davis.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News: Financial Report.
6.30 In one ear. Comedy show with Steve Brown, Helen Lederer, Clive Mantle and Nick Wilton (r).
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Waterlines. On the eve of the 31st London International Boat Show, Cliff Michelmore and his team preview the selection at Earls Court.
8.00 Turning the Devil's Stone. Phil Smith looks at ancient British customs (r).
8.15 Family Firm. A series of four programmes. 1. Goring Hotel.
8.45 Mr Small is Beautiful. Peter France tells the story of E. F. Schumacher, author of Small is Beautiful.
9.30 The Educating of Harry Soan. A four-part series in which the veteran broadcaster reflects on a process that is still going on after 80 years. 1. Reading and Writing.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. "Tippett at 80" – Natalie Wheen's profile of Sir Michael Tippett on the occasion of his 80th birthday.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime. "Empire of the Sun" by J. G. Ballard (3). Read by Kenneth Haigh. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, including 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Sweetes One Day ... Church organists talk to Bob Prizeman (r).
12.00 News, Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England and S Wales only): Radio 4 vhf is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: Hahn's Le bal de Beatrice d'Este; Frederick the Great's Flute Concerto No 1 in G (Redel/Pro Arte Orchestra, Munich); Grieg's Wedding Day at Troldhaugen (Ribbing, piano).
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice (contd): Haydn's Symphony No 101 (The Clock); Moscheles's Piano Concerto in G minor, Op 58 (Ponti/Philharmonia Orchestra). 9.00† News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Beethoven. Rondo in G Op 51 No 2 (Lupu, piano); and Symphony No 2 (Philharmonia under Sanderling).†
10.00 Martijn van den Hoek: Piano recital. Dohnanyi's Concert studies Op 28 1, 2 and 5; Brahms's Variations on Hungarian Song Op 21 No 2; Bartok's Three Folk Songs from Csik, Dohnanyi's Concert Studies Op 28 Nos 3, 4 and 6.†
10.35 Mendelssohn: Israel Philharmonic (under Bernstein) play the Symphony No 3 †
11.20 Raff: Moray Welsh (cello) and Roger Vignoles (piano) play the Sonata in D major Op 183 †
11.50 BBC Welsh SO (under Bergel). With Philip Fowke (piano) Haydn's Symphony No 39; Strauss's Burleske in D minor for piano and orchestra; and Hindemith's Symphonic Metamorphosis of themes by Carl Maria von Weber †1.00 News.
1.05 What the Dickens! Part of John Dankworth's suite, based on books by Dickens. Played by Dankworth Orchestra.†
1.30 Matinee Musicale: Ulster Orchestra (under Jolly) with Philip Martin (piano). Humperdinck's overture Dornroschen; Ireland's suite Decorations; Holst's Somerset Rhapsody Op 21, Philip Martin's Through Streets Broad and Narrow; Britten's Suite on English Folk Tunes: A Time There Was.†
2.30 A Cambridge Anniversary Celebration: Richard Jackson (baritone) and Graham Johnson (piano). Works by Schubert and Robin Holloway (first performance of The Lover's Well).†
3.05 Berlin Philharmonic (under Herbert Von Karajan). Beethoven's overture Consecration of the House: Saint-Saens's Symphony No 3 (Organ). †
4.00 Choral Evensong from the Abbey Church of St Mary the Virgin, Tewkesbury – live. 4.55 News
5.00 Lord Berners: Timothy West plays the composer, writer and painter in this profile by Peter Dickinson. Others taking part include Sir Harold Acton and Richard Rodney Bennett (r).
6.00 Berners: Philadelphia Orchestra (under Beecham) play the ballet suite The Triumph †
6.30 Debut: Leonora Carney (piano). Bach's (arranged Busoni) Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565, Hindemith's Interlude 4 and Fugue 5 (ludus Tonalis); and Chopin's Nocturnes Op 27, Nos 1 and 2.†
7.00 Vieux Carre. Radio version of one of Tennessee Williams's plays, closely following his own experiences as a young, struggling writer in New Orleans boarding houses in the late 1930s. With Mark Rolston, Sheila Gish, Margaret Robertson, James Maxwell, David Baxt and Carole Boyd.†
9.20 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra in Belfast (conductor, Downes). With Eugene Sarbu (violin). Part one. Respighi's symphonic poem: The Fountains of Rome; Walton's Violin Concerto.†
10.15 Six Continents: Ian McDougall, with foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
10.35 Concert (part two). Strauss's symphonic fantasy: Aus Italien.†
11.25 Holst and Delius: BBC Singers in works including Holst's Ode to CKS and the 'Oriana' (first broadcast); and Delius's Two songs to be sung of a summer night on the water.
11.57 News. Until 12.00.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the hour (except 9.0 pm). Headlines 5.30 am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00 am David Yarnall.† 5.30 Bill Rennells.† 7.30 Colin Berry† including 8.31 Racing. 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00 pm Steve Jones† including 1.05 Sports Desk. 2.00 John Craven† including 2.02; 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music All The Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton† including 4.02; 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn† including 6.02 Sports Desk. 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (mf) only. 8.00 The Spinners and Friends.† 8.30 Jack Dorsey with Romantic Strings.† 9.15 Listen To The Band. (Brass and military music). 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years. Presented by Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (Stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Nightride.† 3.00 Broadway Babes (18): Liza Minnelli.† 3.30-4.00 Vernon and Maryetta Midgley.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † also VHF stereo. News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 9.30 pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00 am Adrian John. 8.00 Mike Read. 10.00 Simon Bates. 12.00 pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00 am John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.30 am With Radio 2

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6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report on Religion. 7.45 Trad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Show. 8.30 The First Half Century. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Interlude. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Sidekicks and Sidechair. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 Mastermind – Man of Mirrors. 10.30 Jazz Score. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 From The Promenade Concerts. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 The Classical Guitar. 3.30 Two Cheers For 1984. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 The World Today. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Monitor. 8.00 World News. 8.15 Album Time. 8.45 Recording of the Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Putting Politics in its Place. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Two cheers for 1984. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Hair. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.
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BBC 1 Wales: 12.47pm-12.50 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.30-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio 12.05am-12.10 News and Weather. Scotland: 12.47pm-12.50 The Scottish news 5.05-5.58 Marathon 84. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 12.05am-12.10 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.47pm-12.50 Northern Ireland news. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland news. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 10.20-11.20 Sportsyear '84 11.20-1.00am Film: Hard Contract (James Coburn) 1.00-1.05 News and weather. England: 6.30-6.55 Regional news magazines.

S4C Starts 1.45pm Ffalabalam. 2.05 Seed and the Sun. 2.50 Book Four. 3.20 Film: Jour de Fete (Jacques Tati). 4.45 Ffalabalam. 4.55 Hanner awr Fawr. 5.35 Brookside. 6.30 Hen wlad Newydd. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.25 Cyfle Arall. 7.55 Resio. 8.25 Cyngerdd y Dathlu. 9.00 A Woman of Substance. 11.00 Grand Order of Water Rates. 12.30am Closedown.

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HTV WEST As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Benson. 1.20 News. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.35am Closedown.

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SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Comedy tonight. 1.25 Film: Bugs Bunny. 3.00 Gems. 3.30-4.00 Comedians. 5.15 Abbott and Costello. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00-7.00 Tom Weir at 70. 9.00-10.00 Now you see it. Celebrity Special. 12.35am Late Call, Closedown.

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BORDER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 It's a Vet's life. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.35am News. Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Moviemakers. 1.20 News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.35am Mission England, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Keep it in the Family. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent strokes. 12.35am Postcript, Closedown.

TVS As London except. 12.30p.-1.00 Sullivans. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Return of the Saint. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.35am Company. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am-10.25 Little House of the Prairie. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Fruitts of Southampton 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Diff'rent Strokes. 12.35am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Big Ice. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Paint Along with Nancy. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 12.30am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except. 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little words. 1.30 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.35am Closedown.

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Thousands flee from gas leak in Arkansas

North Little Rock, Arkansas (AFP) – More than 2,500 people were evacuated from this town and its immediate neighbourhood after a leak was found in a railway tanker containing gas manufactued by Union Carbide.

Early last month, a leak of a different gas from a Union Carbide factory in Bhopal, India, killed 2,500 people.

The tanker in the incident on New Year's Eve held about 20,000 gallons of highly volatile and toxic ethylene oxide. Officials said no one seemed to have been injured.

Firemen doused the tanker with neutralizing liquid as they transferred its contents to another.

Rail and road traffic were interrupted and inhabitants of North Little Rock fled the town. Police set a 1-mile radius no-go zone.

'Riff-raff' blamed for terror

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suspended and beaten on the feet.

A doctor said: "I see about five of these cases a week, but remember that many victims do not seek treatment because they are afraid or because it is impossible to travel. The Army is behaving atrociously. Troops think they have been sent here to make us submit."

Recently one of the medical staff escaped with her life when troops opened fire on two buses in Jaffna, killing five people, the doctor said. And a man and his ten-year-old son were shot out of hand on the street last week.

Another doctor said: "We can only do life or death operations now, so people are suffering. We are not getting our drugs and anaesthetics from Colombo (250 miles to the south). Four X-ray machines are broken because we cannot get anyone to repair them. We have one machine which is partly working."

He paused and added: "We think these people want to annihilate us".

Fishing ban, page 6

Law and disorder: Revellers find a friendly arm of the law to see in 1985 in Trafalgar Square (Photographs: Ros Drinkwater).

Square dancing into 1985

Artificial snow sprayed from aerosol cans caused eye injuries among revellers at the traditional new year celebrations in Trafalgar Square (Patricia Clough writes).

Hundreds of merrymakers were covered in white foam as the chemical snow made its debut as a festive toy alongside streamers, fireworks and balloons.

St John Ambulance, which was on hand to provide first aid, reported a quick succession of snow-covered patients complaining of a burning sensation in the eyes.

The police ran warnings on illuminated bulletin boards at the base of Nelson's column that the foam could be dangerous. A spokesman said that only ten people were injured.

An estimated 50,000 packed into the square to see in the new year in a noisy, but relatively peaceable, mood. There were 76 people arrested, all but 20 of whom were let off with a caution. Thirty-eight arrests were for drunkenness, 30 for petty theft, one for an alleged drug offence and two for carrying offensive weapons.

About 48 people were sent to hospital for treatment, many for minor injuries from jostling, but none was kept in. In drunken revelry in Piccadilly, however, one stabbing was reported.

The police had drained and blocked off the fountains, thrown a cordon around Nelson's column and put up crowd control barriers to avoid a repetition of the tragedy at the 1983 celebrations in which two women were trampled to death. A few bottles were thrown at the police, but none was injured while policewomen dealt good-humouredly with the midnight advances of gangs of merry-making males.

In Lincoln, a policeman was kicked unconscious and six others were injured during celebrations as more than £10,000 of damage was caused in the city centre. Windows were smashed and two shops were burgled.

Letter from the Dead Sea

Tourist boom amid the sulphur fumes

With air so filled with sulphur fumes that it reeks permanently of rotten eggs, and water so concentrated with minerals that half a cup is sufficient to kill a normal human being (swimmers are warned about the dangers of drinking it at all the main beaches) the barren shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the Earth's surface, would seem at first sight an inauspicious place to try to develop as a tourist and health resort.

But as the towering skeletons of hotels under construction, the artificial spas, the carefully nurtured imported palms and growing stream of European visitors bear witness, the Israeli authorities, showing much the same combination of stubbornness, aggressiveness and initiative which characterizes their Army, have succeeded in overcoming many, if not all, of the formidable local difficulties.

As a result, a drive along the 50-mile seashore is now more than likely to involve the bizarre sight of strappingly-built ladies and overweight men from West Germany, Holland or Scandinavia emerging from the waters covered almost from head to toe in a thick, black mud which is much prized for its medicinal qualities.

Sometimes the sight of a whole coachload of mud-caked tourists adds a surrealistic touch.

The treacly mud, which can be seen in some hotels being sterilized in large, swirling vats, is marketed by a local kibbutz. Its members have been so impressed by the enthusiasm shown for their evil-looking product that they will soon be marketing a range of toiletries, including toothpaste, throughout the United States.

Local enthusiasts who choose to concentrate on the genuinely relaxing qualities of the bromine-filled air rather than its stomach-turning stench, claim to be able to trace the balneo-therapeutic reputation of the region back to biblical times. They quote the scholar Josephus who mentioned in his still popular *History of the Jewish Wars* that King Herod frequented the hot springs here looking for treatment and recreation.

Much is made, too, of the presence of the alleged historical sites of the towns of Sodom and Gomorrah, although some local experts claim that in truth they were situated across the hazy Dead Sea waters on the Jordanian coast opposite.

"From a study of the text, it is obvious that is where they were, not over here where the Tourism Ministry would have you believe", claimed Mr Shlomo Drori, spokesman for Israel's Dead Sea Works.

The force and detail of his scholarship do not deter the owners of the mushrooming local hotels from capitalizing on the biblical references. One is named after Lot, the man whose wife, according to Genesis, turned into a pillar of salt (still visible here if local guides are to be believed). It has a discotheque named "The Sodom Disco".

The list of ailments which the Dead Sea (10 times saltier than the Mediterranean) and the accompanying climate are said to help is impressively long. It includes rheumatism, arthritis, allergies, bronchial disorders and a range of skin diseases, the most serious of which is psoriasis, a disfiguring ailment which affects 2 per cent of the world's population, and for which there is no known cure.

An increasing number of clinics along the Dead Sea are now claiming a high rate of success in temporarily eliminating the unsightly red blemishes caused by the disease, using a treatment based mainly on a combination of sea and sunbathing.

Despite the expansion of facilities in recent years, the remoteness of the resorts, which are situated some 1,300ft below sea level, and the uncertainty surrounding the future of that stretch of shore conquered from Jordan, mean that there is little by way of nocturnal entertainment for the holiday makers and convalescents.

Christopher Walker

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibition

Wildcat: Stirling Smith Art Gallery and Museum, 40 Albert Place, Stirling; Wed to Sun 2 to 5; (ends Jan 27).

Exhibitions in progress

Mine Own Romantic Town: Edinburgh through the eyes of the artist, City Art Centre, Market St, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 6; (ends Jan 26).

Albert Wainwright: painter, illustrator and theatre designer; Walsall Museum and Art Gallery, Central Library, Lichfield St; Mon to Fri 10 o 6, Sat 10 to 4.45; (ends Jan 5).

Embroidery '84; Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Jan 27).

TUA-Dimensioner. Two Dimension: new art from Sweden; Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum, High St, Old Town, Eastbourne; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends Jan 27).

Photographs by Annie Liebovitz; Stills Gallery, 105 High St, Edinburgh; Tues to Sat 12.30 to 6; (ends Jan 19).

The British Sporting Art Trust prints, Dorset County Museum, Dorchester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (ends Jan 31).

The English Mill – mills in art and archaeology, Towner Art Gallery and Local History Museum, High Street, Old Town, Eastbourne; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon, (ends Feb 10).

A Clue to History – portraits of writers from Shakespeare to Beckett; Writers Observed – photographs by Mark Gerson; Verse and Visuals – Pete Laver, Dove Cottage and the Wordsworth Museum, Grasmere, Ambleside, Cumbria; Mon to Sat 10 to 4.30, Sun 11 to 4.30, (ends Jan 6).

The Craft Fellows, works by Veronica Tognerini and Alan Hamshere, City Art Centre, 2 Market Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5 (ends Jan 6).

Sculpture by Hebe Comerford, Bolton Museum and Art Gallery, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, closed Wed and Sun (ends Jan 19).

William Staite Murray and Pupils: Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Road, Middlesbrough; Tues to Sat 12 to 7 (ends Jan 26).

Music

Concert by the Edinburgh Royal Choral Union; Usher Hall, Edinburgh, 12.

Music for Christmas by Cannon Hill Children's Opera Company; Edwardian Tea Room, City Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, 11.30.

Talks, lectures

Christmas lecture for the young: How they made paintings in the Italian Renaissance, by Jon Whitely; Ashmolean Museum, Ruskin Lecture Room, Oxford, 2.30.

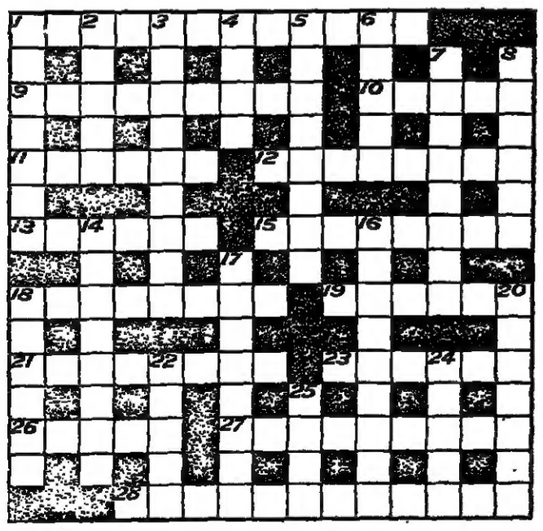
The World of Steam Toys, by Basil Harley; Museum of Science and Industry, Birmingham, 7.

General

Christmas stories from around the world for children aged 6 upwards; Industrial Gallery, City Museum and Art Gallery, Birmingham, 10.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,624

Old Favourites: *an asterisk signifies a clue from a Times puzzle of the past; except for 9ac, which was suggested by a Ximenes competitor.*



ACROSS

1 It bears name of a personality – Denry Machin, perhaps (8,4).
*9 Performances that appealed to the gods but emptied the stalls (9).
*10 HIJKLMNO (5).
11 This roller is breakable (6).
12 Dance about on a pocket of air (8).
13 Stretch of the Clyde bristling with wreckage (6).
15 Company role could be to show the flag (8).
18 Mixture causing lack of concentration (8).
19 Steer clear of fighter in three-quarter line (6).
*21,23 O (8,6).
26 Are you able to recollect cat's name? (5).
*27 The cylinder is jammed (5,4).
*28 Device for alleviating the difficulties of child-bearing (12).

DOWN

*1 Land of Hope and — (7).
2 Do more than 40? That's what we're told (5).
3 He works a lot on arms, and in military displays (9).
4 Many knock around in pack (4).
5 Found a route to Selkirk, maybe (8).
6 Slipped lower disc of rider (5).
7 The boss from the ranch going haywire (8).
8 Wine so dry, almost all rough (6).
14 The Cretan labyrinth was an early one (8).
16 For the spread, a boy goes up for each girl (9).
17 Lady C, we hear, gave rise to Ballantyne's subject (5,3).
18 Two out of twelve for this extract (6).
20 It's the black cap, possibly, for the drunken brawler (7).
22 Free nut that is underneath (5).
24 Unpleasant old woman to be found on the farm (5).
25 It's hazardous to go out on this shoot (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,623

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

Sale guide

Now on: Aquascutum, 100 Regent Street, London, W1; Alders of Croydon, North End, Croydon; Laura Ashley, all branches; Austin Reed, all branches; Bally, all branches; Boots, all branches; British Homes Stores, all branches; Burberrys, 18-22 Haymarket, SW1 and 165 Regent Street, W1; Debenhams, all branches; Dickins & Jones, 224 Regent Street, W1; D. H. Evans, Oxford Street, W1; Fenwick, New Bond Street, W1; Hermes, all branches; Habitat, all branches; Heal's, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1; Jaeger, all branches; John Lewis and branches; Liberty, Regent Street, W1; Littlewoods, all branches; Maples, Waring & Gillow, Tottenham Court Road, W1; Moss Bros, all branches; Mothercare all branches; Raynes, all branches; Reject China Shops, all branches; Russell & Bromley, all branches; Selfridges, Oxford Street, W1; Simpson, Piccadilly, W1.

Snow reports

SCOTLAND: Cairngorm: Upper runs: Complete but narrow, new snow with icy patches: Middle runs: Two complete, new snow with icy patches: Lower slopes: A little new snow with icy patches: Vertical runs: 1000ft: Hill roads: Clear; Main roads: Clear. Snow level: 2500ft. Glenshee: Upper runs: A little snow on a hard base; Lower slopes: Little new snow: Lower slopes: Nil: Vertical runs, Nil: Hill roads, Slight snow: Main roads, Slight snow: Snow level, 2000ft. Glencoe: Insufficient snow for skiing. Lecht: Upper runs, Some runs complete, new snow on a hard base: Middle runs: As upper runs, Lower slopes, Limited nursery areas, new snow on a hard base. Vertical runs: 600ft: Hill roads, Slight snow: Main roads: Clear: Snow level: 2000ft.

Forecast for skiing areas today: Glencoe dry and sunny, otherwise sunny periods and scattered snow showers not amounting to much. Winds N to NE moderate or fresh, freezing at all levels most of the time.

Outlook for tomorrow: Cold with sunny periods, further snow showers, except at Glencoe.

Books–biography

The Literary Editor's selection of biographies and histories of last year:
A Very Private Eye, an Autobiography in Letters and Diaries, by Barbara Pym (Macmillan, £12.95)
Edmund Gosse, a Literary Landscape, by Ann Thwaite (Secker & Warburg, £15)
James Boswell, the Later Years 1769-1795, by Frank Brady (Heinemann, £20)
Lou Andreas-Salome, Her Life and Writings, by Angela Livingstone (Gordon Fraser, £18.50)
T S Eliot, by Peter Ackroyd (Hamish Hamilton, £12.50)
Hilaire Belloc, by A N Wilson (Hamish Hamilton, £12.95)
The Haunted Mind, by Hallam Tennyson (Andre Deutsch, £12.95)
The Knight, the Lady, and the Priest, by Georges Duby (Allen Lane, £14.95).
The Leavises, Recollections and Impressions, edited by Denys Thompson (Cambridge, £15)
The Ledge Between the Streams, by Ved Mehta (Harvard Press, £12.50)

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Roads

The Midlands: A1: Contraflow N of Colsterworth at Stoke Rochford, Lincs. A5: Contraflow SE of Tamworth; construction of M42/A5 interchange. A61: Roadworks on Wood Green Rd at Wednesbury, S of junction 9 of the M6.

The North: A58: Wigan Rd closed at Westoughton, Bolton, from the junction with Southfield Drive, Manchester. A1: Construction of new bridge between Blackfell and Havannah interchange; Tyre and lane restrictions. A1 Contraflow on Shilbottle Bridge, at southern end of Alnwick bypass; stretch of southbound carriageway closed.

Wales and West: A40: Contraflow between Over roundabout and Westgate gyratory system, Gloucester; diversions signed; delays. A39: Roadworks from Barnstaple to Bideford at North Rd, Pildon; also surfacing work at Abbotsham Cross. A55: Contraflow on Llandulas bypass between Abergele and Colwyn Bay.

Scotland: A929: Road construction near 928 junction, near Dundee; temporary diversions; care required. A94: Roadworks on Forfar Rd, between Blairgowrie Rd and Princeland Rd, Coupar Angus. A74: Southbound inside lane closed (24 hrs) N of B740 junction, at Crawfordjohn, Lanarkshire.

Information supplied by the AA

Ferry services

The RAC advises motorists to telephone ferry operators before setting out for the continent because of disruption caused by a French seamen's strike which is affecting Calais and Dunkirk.

Anniversaries

Deaths: Alexander William Kinglake, author of *Invasion of the Crimea*, London, 1891; Sir George Biddell Airy, 7th astronomer royal 1835-81, Greenwich, 1892.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.495	1.385
Austria Sch	26.40	25.10
Belgium Fr	76.00	72.00
Canada $	1.58	1.51
Denmark Kr	13.52	12.82
Finland Mkk	7.97	7.47
France Fr	11.51	10.96
Germany DM	3.77	3.59
Greece Dr	177.00	163.00
Hong Kong $	9.40	8.90
Ireland Pt	1.22	1.16
Italy Lira	2315.00	2215.00
Japan Yen	304.00	290.00
Netherlands Gld	4.26	4.06
Norway Kr	10.90	10.40
Portugal Esc	205.00	195.00
South Africa Rd	2.55	2.30
Spain Pta	205.00	195.00
Sweden Kr	10.75	10.25
Switzerland Fr	3.105	2.955
USA $	1.235	1.165
Yugoslavia Dnr	290.00	270.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 358.8.

London: The *FT* index closed up 7.1 at 952.3.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says that the New Year is the time when our hopes, are reborn and resolutions are renewed. The paper adds: "Ending the miners' strike. Getting the unions to start trade union reform. Building more homes. Settling the Falklands. That is our agenda for 1985. An agenda for everyone. If we complete it, this New Year could mark a new start for Britain."

The Sun, commenting on the Government's 'Stay Low' campaign over the holidays, says: "The appeal encouraged many motorists to imagine that they could drink and drive."

The Daily Express says that 'the prospects for 1985 do look pretty encouraging'. The paper adds: "The dreaded Orwellian year has passed. The West is still free. And at peace. There are welcome signs of change in the East. China is introducing some elements of capitalism, including home ownership. Poland has put secret policemen on trial for the murder of a priest". It says "These may be no more than straws in the wind – but they point in the right direction."

Top resorts

Summer 1984

1	(1) Benidorm
2	(2) Corfu
3	(3) Paris
4	(6) San Antonio
5	(5) Magaluf
6	(7) Torremolinos
7	(4) Lloret de Mar
8	(8) Salou
9	(13) Crete
10	(9) Palma Nova

Ski resorts 1984-85

1	(2) Meyrhofen				
2	(1) Sol				
3	(3) Kitzbühel				
4	(4) Sauze d'Oulx				
5	(10) Westamoor				

Information supplied by the British Market Research Bureau's holiday booking index and is based on package holidays booked up to the end of April 1984 to March 1985.

Portfolio

Portfolio – how to play

Monday–Saturday record your daily Portfolio total.

Add these together to determine your weekly Portfolio total.

If your total matches the published weekly dividend figure you have won outright or a share of the prize money stated for that week, and must claim your prize as instructed below.

How to claim

Telephone The Times Portfolio claims line 0254-53272 between 10.00 am and 3.30 pm, on the day your overall total matches. The Times Portfolio Dividend. No claims can be accepted outside these hours.

You must have your card with you when you telephone

If you are unable to telephone someone else can claim on your behalf but they must have your card and call The Times Portfolio claims line between the stipulated times.

No responsibility can be accepted for failure to contact the claims office for any reason within the stated hours.

The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

● Some Times Portfolio cards include minor misprints in the instructions on the reverse side. These cards are not invalidated.

● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather forecast

A cold N flow will cover the British Isles.

6am to midnight

London, SE, E, NE England, East Anglia: Frequent wintry showers, heavy and thundery in places; wind N moderate or fresh, locally strong near coasts; max temp 4C (39F).

Central S, Central N England, Midlands: Sunny intervals, scattered wintry showers; wind N moderate; max temp 5C (41F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Sunny periods, dry; wind N light; max temp 7C (45F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Frequent wintry showers, heavy and thundery in places; wind N moderate or fresh; temp 4C (39F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Northern Ireland: Sunny periods, isolated showers; wind N light; max temp 5C (41F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Wintry showers in the E, dry with sunny periods in the W; rather cold, overnight frost.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind N strong to gale; sea rough. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind N or NE moderate to fresh; sea moderate.

Sun rises: 8.06 am. Sun sets: 4.03 pm. Moon sets: 3.15 am. Moon rises: 12.49 pm. Full Moon: January 7.

Lighting-up time

London 4.33 pm to 7.30 am
Bristol 4.43 pm to 7.40 am
Edinburgh 4.21 pm to 8.13 am
Manchester 4.31 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 5.02 pm to 7.51 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	4	39	Guernsey	c	7	45
Birmingham	s	5	41	Inverness			
Blackpool	s	5	41	Jersey	c	7	45
Bristol	s	6	43	London	f	5	41
Cardiff	s	7	45	Manchester	f	5	41
Edinburgh	c	5	41	Newcastle	c	3	37
Glasgow	f	6	43	Ronaldsway	s	7	45

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (43F); min 6pm to 6am, 4C (39F). Humidity: 6pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3.5. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1018.4 millibars rising.

Monday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 8C (46F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Humidity: 6pm, 78 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.02in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 1.9hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1027.9 millibars, falling.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Penzance 10C (50F); lowest day max: Birkdale 3C (37F); highest rainfall: Newcastle 0.33in; highest sunshine: Torquay 7.1 hr.

Monday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Guernsey 12C (54F); lowest day max: Eskdalemuir 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Lerwick 0.52in; highest sunshine: Colwyn Bay 6.9 hr.

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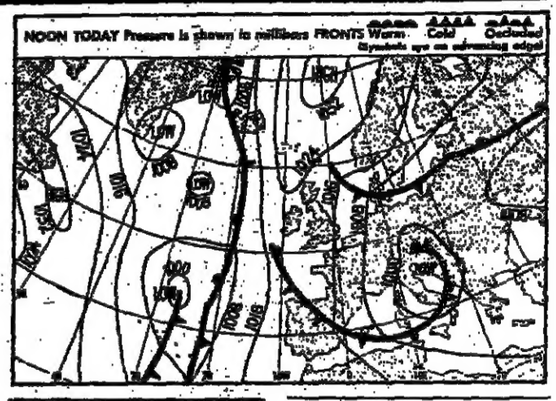

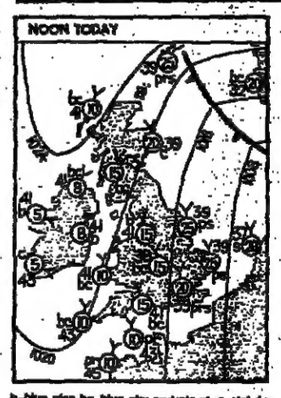

b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.46	5.6	10.27	5.5
Aberdeen	10.06	3.4	10.09	3.4
Avonmouth	2.53	9.9	3.26	10.4
Belfast	7.40	2.9	7.58	3.0
Cardiff	2.38	9.3	3.13	9.7
Devonport	1.31	4.4	1.54	4.5
Dover	7.10	5.4	8.02	5.3
Falmouth	1.01	4.2	1.24	4.3
Glasgow	8.89	4.2	9.35	4.2
Harwich	7.40	3.3	8.09	3.2
Holyhead	6.59	4.4	7.03	4.5
Hull	2.01	6.0	2.54	5.8
Ilfracombe	1.51	8.8	2.23	7.1
Leith	11.02	4.5	11.09	4.5
Liverpool	7.27	7.2	7.45	7.5
Lowestoft	5.16	2.0	6.35	2.1
Margate	7.58	3.8	8.47	3.9
Milford Haven	2.18	5.2	2.46	5.4
Newquay	1.17	5.3	1.44	5.5
Oban	2.03	3.0	2.37	3.3
Penzance	12.45	4.4	1.08	4.6
Portland	2.14	1.5	2.35	1.5
Portsmouth	7.41	3.5	8.14	3.8
Shoreham	7.16	4.8	7.51	4.7
Southampton	7.19	3.7	7.42	3.8
Swansea	2.16	7.2	2.46	7.4
Tees			12.32	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	7.44	3.2	8.30	3.4

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
EAST COAST					
Scarboro	–	.14	6	43	hail
Bridlington	0.8	.22	6	43	sleet
Cromer	–	.14	5	41	showers
Lowestoft	1.6	.15	5	41	hail
Clacton	4.0	.01	5	41	showers
Margate	–	–	5	41	cloudy
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	4.1	–	5	41	sunny
Hastings	3.1	–	5	41	bright
Eastbourne	4.8	–	6	43	sunny
Brighton	–	–	4	39	bright
Worthing	4.9	–	6	43	sunny
Littlehampton	–				
Bognor R	5.4	–	6	43	sunny
Southsea	6.2	–	6	43	sunny
Sandown	6.3	–	6	43	sunny
Shanklin	–	–			sunny
Bournemouth	5.0	–	6	43	sunny
Poole	6.8	–	6	43	sunny
Swanage	7.0	–	7	45	sunny
Weymouth	6.5	–	7	45	sunny
Exmouth	7.0	–	7	45	sunny
Teignmouth	6.8	–	8	46	sunny
Torquay	7.1	–	8	46	sunny
Falmouth	3.0	–	8	46	sunny
Penzance	1.8	–	10	50	bright
Jersey	3.9	.02	8	46	sunny
Guernsey	3.6	.01	8	46	sunny
WEST COAST					
Scilly Isles	–	.14	8	46	rain am
Newquay	4.3	.01	8	46	sunny
Ilfracombe	4.7	–	8	46	sunny
Tenby	5.3	–	8	46	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.9	–	8	46	bright
Southport	5.0	–	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	4.8	–	5	41	bright
Douglas	6.5	–	6	43	sunny
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London (Ctrl)	3.5	–	6	43	sunny am
B'ham (Airpt)	5.1	–	5	41	sunny
Bristol (Ctrl)	6.8	–	7	45	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.5	–	7	45	sunny
Anglesey	6.0	–	7	45	sunny
B'pool (Airpt)	5.0	–	6	43	sunny
Manchester	4.0	–	6	43	sunny
Nottingham	4.2	–	5	41	sleet pm
N'ctle-o-Tyne	0.4	–	5	41	hail
Carlisle	1.8	–	5	41	showers
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	1.4	–	4	39	hail am
Prestwick	6.8	–	6	43	sunny
Glasgow	5.3	–	6	43	sunny
Tiree	5.6	–	8	46	sunny
Stornoway	3.0	.02	8	46	sunny
Lerwick	0.3	.08	6	43	showers
Wick	0.8	.02	6	43	showers
Kinloss	0.7	.01	7	45	showers
Aberdeen	2.7	.08	6	43	bright
St Andrews	4.5	–	6	43	sunny
Edinburgh	2.1	–	6	43	bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	6.4	–	5	41	sunny

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	11	52	Cologne	c	5	41	Majorca	s	13	55	Rome	s	8	46
Akrotiri	f	13	55	Copenhgn	sn	7	30	Malaga	f	14	57	Salzburg	sn	-5	23
Alexandria	s	16	61	Corfu	c	10	50	Malta	c	2	54	Sao Paulo*	c	23	73
Algiers	c	13	55	Dublin	s	2	36	Melbourne	s	20	68	S Francisco*	c	6	43
Amsterdam	r	5	41	Dubrovnik	f	8	46	Mexico C*	s	15	59	Santiago*	c	6	43
Athens	c	8	46	Faro	s	16	61	Miami*	s	26	79	Seoul	s	2	36
Bahrain*	f	19	66	Florence	s	6	43	Milan	s	1	34	Singapore*	c	27	81
Barbados*	s	27	81	Frankfurt	sn	-1	30	Montreal*	s	-10	14	Stockholm	sn	-3	27
Barcelona	s	13	55	Funchal	f	17	63	Moscow	cl	-5	23	Strasbourg	c	1	34
Beirut	f	18	64	Geneva	c	-1	30	Munich	sn	-2	28	Sydney	s	23	73
Belgrade	c	-3	27	Gibraltar	s	16	61	Nairobi				Tangier	c	16	61
Berlin	sn	-2	28	Helsinki	c	-5	23	Naples	c	7	45	Tel Aviv	f	18	64
Bermuda*	s	21	70	Hongkong	f	19	66	New Delhi	fg	10	50	Tenerife	f	9	48
Biarritz	f	10	50	Innsbruck	sn	-5	23	New York				Tokyo*	s	9	48
Boulogne	c	4	39	Istanbul	f	7	45	Nice	s	-1	30	Toronto	sn	-2	28
Bordeaux	c	8	46	Jiddah	s	31	88	Oslo	c	1	34	Tunis	c	12	54
Brussels	r	4	39	Jo'burg				Paris	c	5	41	Valencia	f	11	52
Budapest	sn	-4	25	Karachi	c	20	68	Peking	s	1	34	Vancouver	c	-6	21
Buen Aires*	s	34	93	Las Palmas	s	18	64	Perth	s	24	75	Venice	s	0	32
Cairo	s	17	63	Lisbon	s	12	54	Prague	sn	-4	25	Vienna	sn	-6	21
Cape Tn	s	27	81	Locarno	s	0	32	Reykjavik	r	5	41	Warsaw	sn	-4	25
Chicago*	c	0	32	L Angeles*	s	14	57	Rhodes	c	11	52	Washington*	s	13	55
Ch'church*	f	22	72	Luxembg	sl	0	32	Riyadh	s	23	73	Wellington*	sn	21	70
				Madrid	s	10	50	Rio de Jan	f	25	77	Zurich	sn	-1	30

* denotes Sunday's figures are latest available